

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** each November, foster care and adoption entities nationwide work to build awareness of children in foster care who are awaiting adoption through events, activities, programs and other efforts; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia is committed to promotion and education of the need for adoptive parents when children in foster care cannot be safely reunified with their parents; and
- Whereas,** every child in West Virginia deserves love, support, security, and a family to help guide them to a happy and productive life; and
- Whereas,** there are nearly 6,500 children in West Virginia's foster care program and more than 400,000 nationwide who require the achievement of permanency, which for some will be through an adoptive family; and
- Whereas,** all children deserve a lifetime of love and stability through a "forever" family; and
- Whereas,** providing a safe and nurturing environment for West Virginia's children ensures they can reach their full potential as the next generation of West Virginia leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation; and
- Whereas,** the collaboration of both public and private adoption agencies with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, resource/foster families, and others should be recognized for the commitment to meeting the needs of children in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** Adoptive parents, children and families require and deserve community and public recognition, respect and support.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 2022* as:


Adoption Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and urge all citizens to change a life by sharing their hearts, opening their homes, and offering help to waiting children, adoption agencies, partners, and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Adoption Social Services staff during this month and throughout the year.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State