

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the future prosperity and success of the great state of West Virginia are closely tied to the education and training of our citizens; and
- Whereas,** in an era of a rapidly diversifying and technologically advancing economy, the need for a skilled, well-educated workforce has never been more critical; and
- Whereas,** it is the goal of the State of West Virginia to ensure that 60 percent of its citizens have access to and complete some form of postsecondary education or training by the year 2030; and
- Whereas,** achieving this goal is not only an investment in the future of our state but also a commitment to providing our citizens with the tools and opportunities they need to succeed; and
- Whereas,** one of the most effective ways to encourage and guide our students toward postsecondary education and career pathways is to engage them in the process early in their academic journey; and
- Whereas,** the annual College Application and Exploration Week serves as a critical initiative aimed at supporting this endeavor; and
- Whereas,** educators, parents, mentors, and community leaders are given the opportunity to actively engage with students, from elementary to high school, in activities and discussions that foster awareness of postsecondary education and career opportunities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 30-November 3, 2023* as:

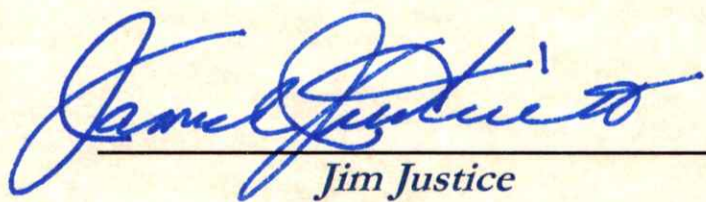
College Application and Exploration Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

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

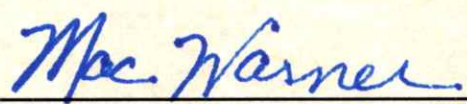
Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.





Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:



Mac Warner
Secretary of State