

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and
- Whereas,** on average, there are 430 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and
- Whereas,** property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.3 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** an average of 2 electrically related deaths occurs in the United States daily from electrically related incidents; and
- Whereas,** following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and
- Whereas,** citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and
- Whereas,** citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground-fault circuit interrupters, arc-fault circuit interrupters and tamper resistant receptacles; and
- Whereas,** citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and
- Whereas,** the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness and advocacy.

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

Electrical Safety Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school, and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries, and deaths.

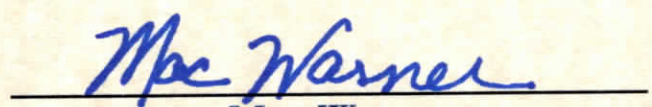
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State