

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** as many as 33 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and
- Whereas,** research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and
- Whereas,** nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame; symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and
- Whereas,** anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and
- Whereas,** each year an estimated 3.3 million Americans require emergency room treatment for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to food. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- Whereas,** the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment has risen 377 percent in only a decade; and
- Whereas,** FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 14-20, 2023* as:


Food Allergy Awareness Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this 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 Third day of April, 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