## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Jewish American Month is an opportunity to celebrate Jewish Americans and encourage all to learn more about Jewish heritage in the United States; and

Whereas, ever since Jewish immigrants first arrived on the shores of the United States of America in the 16th century, Jewish people have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, and prosperity of the United States; and

Whereas, Antisemitism has been rising at an alarming rate in our county, illuminating one of the world's most ancient forms of hate; and

Whereas, by bringing Jewish American History Month to West Virginia, we offer hope and optimism through celebration of the vibrant history of the Jewish Americans who have enriched our communities and any hateful narratives toward our Jewish communities.

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

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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 Thirty-first day of May, 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