

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the liver is one of the largest organs in the body and filters harmful substances from the blood, produces bile that helps in the digestion of fats, and stores sugar that the body uses for energy; and
- Whereas,** the two types of primary liver cancer in adults are hepatocellular carcinoma and cholangiocarcinoma; and
- Whereas,** the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program estimates that 41,210 new cases of liver and intrahepatic bile duct cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2023; and
- Whereas,** 29,380 people are expected to die of primary adult liver cancer where the five-year relative survival rate is just 21.6 %; and
- Whereas,** having hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or cirrhosis are significant risk factors for adult primary liver cancer; and
- Whereas,** liver cancer is more common in men than women and among Asian Pacific Islander and American Indian Alaska Native populations; and
- Whereas,** liver cancer is rare in children and adolescents; and
- Whereas,** the American Association for Cancer Research designates October to be *Liver Cancer Awareness Month* to bring awareness and treat liver cancer.

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

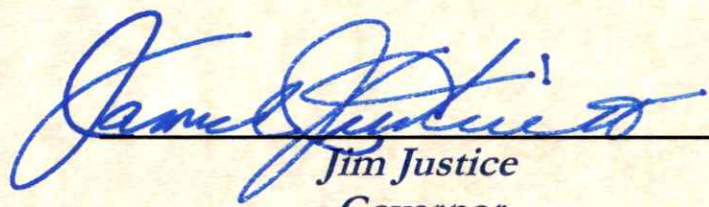
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


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 Twenty-first day of August, 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