

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, kidney disease affects millions of adults in the United States, with an estimated 1 in 3 adults in the United States being at risk; and

Whereas, healthy kidneys are essential for regulating our bodies by removing fluids, waste, and toxins. They release hormones to help regulate blood pressure, produce red blood cells, and strengthen our bones; and

Whereas, many Americans are unaware that the risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, and family history, with diabetes being a leading cause of kidney disease; and

Whereas, it is critical to increase awareness about this often over-looked health crisis to draw attention to the possible risks and to ultimately save lives; and

Whereas, the month of March is *National Kidney Month* and March 9, 2023, is *World Kidney Day*, and the National Kidney Foundation actively participates in raising awareness of kidney disease and those who are at risk across the county.

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

National Kidney Month

proclaim *March 9, 2023* as:

World Kidney Day

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

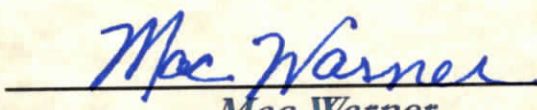
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-fourth day of February, 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