

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** sarcomas are a rare group of cancers that form in the bones or soft tissues of the body; and
- Whereas,** soft tissue sarcomas form in cartilage, fat, muscle, blood vessels, tendons, nerves, and around joints; and
- Whereas,** in 2023, approximately 13,400 cases of soft tissue sarcoma and approximately 3,970 cases of bone and joint cancer are expected to be diagnosed in the United States; and
- Whereas,** bone and joint cancer is most frequently diagnosed among teenagers, while soft tissue cancers typically affect those 55 years or older; and
- Whereas,** sarcomas are difficult to distinguish from other cancers when they are found within organs, their incidence is probably underestimated, according to the National Cancer Institute; and
- Whereas,** though the Sarcoma Foundation of America works tirelessly every day to raise awareness, during *Sarcoma Awareness Month* they aim to further highlight the extraordinary challenges that sarcoma patients face and the need for more sarcoma research and better sarcoma therapies.

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


Sarcoma Cancer Awareness Month

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 Seventh day of July, 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