

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** September has been nationally recognized as *Sepsis Awareness Month* by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and
- Whereas,** according to the CDC, sepsis affects 1.7 million people and takes 350,000 adult lives and 6,800 children's lives every year in the United States; and
- Whereas,** sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States at \$62 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy and are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life; and
- Whereas,** despite the severe danger of this condition, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and
- Whereas,** the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME": "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and
- Whereas,** awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors.

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


### *Sepsis 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 Sixth 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