

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** throughout our nation's history, Women have served honorably and courageously both on and off the battlefield. Women were first allowed to serve the nation during wartime in limited and traditional gender roles as nurses, cooks, and other administrative roles; and
- Whereas,** Women Veterans are one of the fastest growing demographics in the United States military and are expected to reach nearly 20 percent of the Veteran population by 2045; Today, women comprise more than 17 percent of the country's military force; and
- Whereas,** as of 2019, West Virginia is home to more than 11,959 Women Veterans, which is 8.5 percent of the Veteran population, and currently growing; and
- Whereas,** the year 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the groundbreaking Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948, enabling women to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Airforce; and
- Whereas,** *Women Veterans Day* was established to honor the resilience and strength shown by Women serving in the United States Armed Forces and recognize the unique challenges that they have overcome; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is committed to supporting and recognizing the bravery of all Women Veterans, including those who made the ultimate sacrifice and laid down their lives to protect our Country, and honors the contributions of all women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 12, 2024* as:

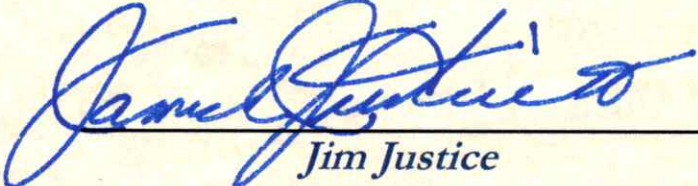
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


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 Twentieth day of October, 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