

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** intestinal malrotation is a congenital birth defect that occurs when the intestine fails to rotate correctly during embryonic development. This can result in volvulus, a life-threatening surgical emergency where the intestine twists, restricting blood flow to vital organs; and
- Whereas,** malrotation is thought to affect one in 500 births, with one out of 6,000 live births becoming symptomatic. Out of these, children are significantly more likely to be diagnosed during infancy, but adults are also an underrepresented patient group; and
- Whereas,** to reduce the mortality and morbidity associated with malrotation, it is vital for healthcare providers and the community to be aware of signs and symptoms; and
- Whereas,** the cardinal symptom of volvulus is vomiting bile, a green or bright yellow fluid, which is reported in a high amount of pediatric cases. Other symptoms include abdominal pain, dehydration, lethargy, failure to thrive;; and
- Whereas,** *Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day* provides an important opportunity to emphasize the urgency of this condition, and it further helps promote the mission of the Malro Fighters Foundation to create a pathway for continual awareness, support research, promote education among medical professionals, create scholarship, and grant opportunities for the community, and disseminate information while supporting those affected by it, now.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 15, 2024* as:


Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day

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

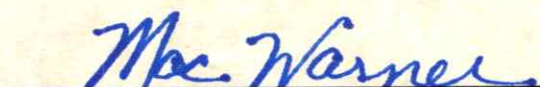
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of November, 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