

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

Whereas, more than 2.5 million people throughout the country and in West Virginia benefit annually from tissue transplantation thanks to thousands of tissue donors; and

Whereas, in West Virginia, there were 241 organs transplanted in 2022 which is up from 223 in 2021; and

Whereas, the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation remains critical as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant approximately every 102 minutes, and each day roughly 202 people die due to the lack of available organs; and

Whereas, in West Virginia, there was a 23 percent increase in organ transplants made possible by 324 donors; and

Whereas, there are almost 500 people in West Virginia waiting for a transplant.

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

Donate Life Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to give the Gift of Life through organ and tissue donation.

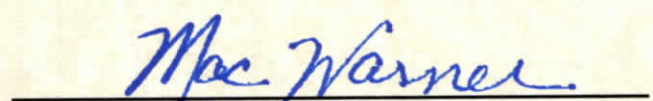
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-second day of March, 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