

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the increase in the use and reliance of modern technologies in order to communicate, access information and interact both locally and globally, and the resulting increase of cybersecurity incidents targeted at stealing citizens' personal data, all efforts should be made to continue both the creative and innovative, yet safe, use of such technologies; and
- Whereas,** the proliferation of information in hardcopy and electronic formats, together with the ease and necessity of information access in our interconnected, digital world have created a global imperative and call to action for government, industry and society to identify data privacy risks and proactively protect personal data and privacy; and
- Whereas,** it is incumbent on private industry, non-profit organizations, and government to: (1) continually examine, through such methods as the Generally Accepted Privacy Principles, the appropriate collection, use, retention, disclosure and disposal of personally identifiable information, whether in hardcopy or electronic format; (2) abide by appropriate and responsible information management policies and practices; and (3) support privacy education; and
- Whereas,** Executive Order No. 3-17 authorized the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management and State Privacy Office to work to protect the privacy of the personally identifiable information collected and maintained by Executive Branch agencies; and
- Whereas,** in furtherance of the above, the Governor's Office of the State of West Virginia, the Cabinet Secretaries and the Executive Branch workforce join government officials across the United States, Canada and Europe, along with privacy professionals, academic communities, nonprofit organizations, legal scholars, educators, business representatives and others with an interest in raising awareness about data privacy issues, to recognize *Data Privacy Week*; and
- Whereas,** in observance of *Data Privacy Week*, government officials and representatives, educators and schools, parents, businesses, citizens and other interested groups are encouraged to participate with appropriate events, activities and initiatives that promote awareness of data privacy; enlist organizations to employ fair information and privacy practices; and advance responsible information sharing by citizens.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 22-27, 2024* as:

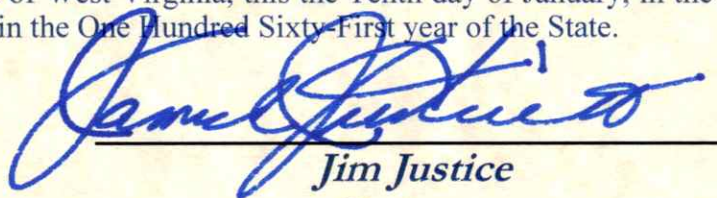
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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 Tenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State