

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the transplantation of organs and tissues are a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year; and
- Whereas,** organ and tissue donors are heroes who give life's most precious gifts, often to strangers, and are shining examples of selfless charity and courage; and
- Whereas,** one organ donor can save up to eight lives, and one tissue donor can enhance and or save the lives of 75 individuals; and
- Whereas,** all ages, ethnic backgrounds, and religious are impacted by donations and the shortage of organ donors; and
- Whereas,** over 500 West Virginia residents and over 100,000 Americans are awaiting life-saving transplant operation; and
- Whereas,** registering as an organ and tissue donor at the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles office signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others; and
- Whereas,** every capable person should support this vital effort by registering as an organ and tissue donor, making their family aware of their wishes, and being willing to give the precious gift of health, sight, and life to those in need.

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

Gifted Day in Wheeling

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Mountain State.


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 Fifteenth Day of March, 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