

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** *Men's Health Month* is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about receiving regular disease prevention screenings, and living healthier lifestyles; and
- Whereas,** nationwide, life expectancy for men averages five years fewer than that of women, with men experiencing higher rates of health problems such as diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease, and premature mortality; and
- Whereas,** the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on men's health in the United States, dropping men's life expectancy by two years; and
- Whereas,** *Men's Health Month* is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children through preventative health screenings, healthy living, and seeking needed help; and
- Whereas,** the growing epidemic of suicide and substance abuse requires special effort to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression and mental stress in boys and men; and
- Whereas,** the centerpiece of *Men's Health Month* is *National Men's Health Week*, a special awareness period passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton on May 31, 1994.

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

### *Men's Health Month*

hereby proclaim *June 10-16, 2024* as:

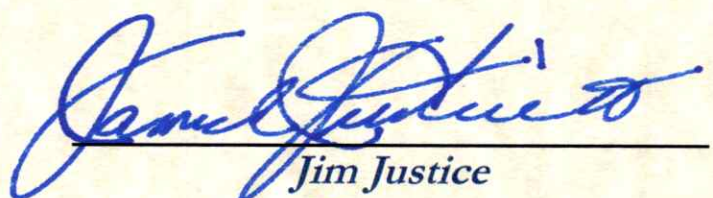
### *Men's Health Week*

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 First day of June, 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