

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** a developmental disability is a cognitive and/or physical long-term condition which occurs before the age of twenty-two and which results in substantial limitations in three or more of the following areas: self-care, language, learning, mobility, self-direction, independent living, economic independence; and
- Whereas,** developmental disabilities are a natural part of society. Having one does not preclude an individual from leading a full and productive life; and
- Whereas,** 33,000 West Virginia citizens have a developmental disability; and
- Whereas,** in every state and territory, programs authorized by the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to help shape policies that impact them; and
- Whereas,** over 60% of the Council is comprised of citizens with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities; and
- Whereas,** the Council is dedicated to the improvement of the lives of all West Virginians with developmental disabilities by working with the citizens of our state to improve public policies and practices that promote living in homes and not facilities, integrated employment, good health, and well-being, - inclusive education, civil rights, adequate and reliable transportation, accessible recreation, and meaningful relationships with others; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council works to assure that West Virginia's citizens with developmental disabilities receive the services, supports, and other forms of assistance they need to exercise self-determination and achieve independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in their communities; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council was established 50 years ago by an Executive Order of the Governor on March 6, 1972.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **March 7, 2022** as:

West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council Day

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 Fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State