

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** West Virginia recognizes that small businesses and entrepreneurship are integral to local and regional economic development; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia recognizes that small businesses are the backbone of our state's economy and the glue that holds communities together; and
- Whereas,** more than 98 percent of businesses in West Virginia are small and that nearly half of all employees in West Virginia work for a small business; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Small Business Development Center is a driving force behind the success of new and existing small business owners in every part of the state, increasing their sales by nearly 25 percent; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Small Business Development Center is a statewide program that boasts a network of 16 professional business coaches who have various certifications, degrees and business ownership experience who are dedicated to assisting entrepreneurs and small businesses grow and diversity West Virginia's economy; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Small Business Development Center helps these entrepreneurs create solid foundations for their small businesses by providing valuable coaching services and assistance during every stage of development; and
- Whereas,** the small businesses helped by the West Virginia Small Business Development Center contribute to their communities by paying taxes, creating more than 400 jobs in 2021 and provided goods and services that improve the quality of life in West Virginia.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 16, 2022* as:

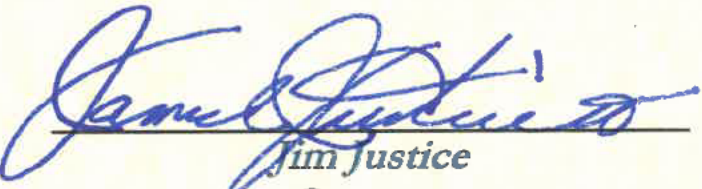
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**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 March, 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