

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** promoting the positive mental health of all children, youth, and families is fundamental to the future of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** one in five children experiences a mental health challenge, with the pandemic compounding stresses including illness or loss of loved ones and disrupted daily activities and social connections; and
- Whereas,** children and youth with mental health needs and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports that are family-driven, youth-guided, and culturally appropriate; and
- Whereas,** the State and communities continue to build a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for children, youth, and families that integrates behavioral health, primary care, education, and child welfare; and
- Whereas,** it is appropriate that a week should be set apart to emphasize the importance of caring for every child's mental well-being and to reinforce the message that positive mental health is essential to a child's overall health and development.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 1-7, 2022* as:

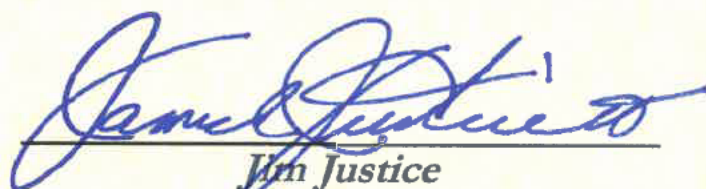
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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 Twelfth day of April, 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