

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** the well-being of children and families should be of the highest priority; and

**Whereas,** there are more than 6,600 children in out-of-home placement in the State of West Virginia; and

**Whereas,** every child deserves a safe and loving family, where permanency is possible for all children, and that the single most important thing that we can do to promote positive long-term outcomes for children is to connect them with stable families that can support children and biological families through foster care; and

**Whereas,** kinship and resource/foster families open their homes to support children and their families during crisis and play a vital role in helping children reunite with their caregivers or find permanency when reunification is not possible; and

**Whereas,** there are many individuals in public and private organizations who work to increase awareness of the needs of children in out-of-home placement; and

**Whereas,** the State of West Virginia recognizes that there is a great need for kinship and resource/foster families to serve the number of children in out-of-home placement; and

**Whereas,** the State of West Virginia appreciates those who tirelessly work and sacrifice to ensure the right of every West Virginia child to have a safe, healthy, and happy childhood.

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

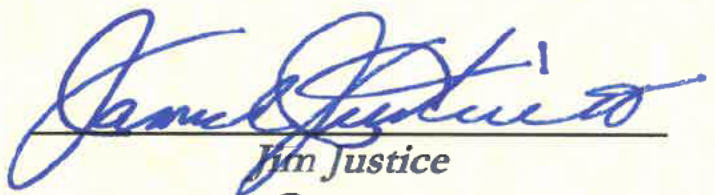
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

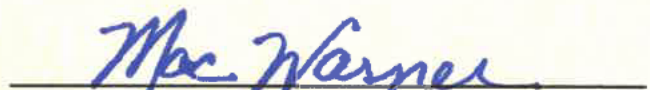
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifth day of May, 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