

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** throughout the history of America, faith in Almighty God has been deeply rooted in the foundation and building up of this great nation. From the early pilgrims to the Continental Congress, to the many Presidents and Governors who have served, we have exalted the Lord; giving Him praise and overflowing with gratitude throughout the generations as He carries us through times of great crisis and celebration; and

**Whereas,** in our state and across America the observance of the *National Day of Prayer* will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, with the theme, "Exalt The Lord Who Has Established Us," based on the verses in Colossians 2:6-7, "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude."; and

**Whereas,** a *National Day of Prayer* has been a part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and later amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a *National Day of Prayer*; and

**Whereas,** leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual legacy of instituting times of thankfulness and renewed reliance on Almighty God; we ought to exercise the freedoms we have to gather and pray, to unify hearts, communities, and our country, while we hold dear to our faith, freedoms, and to one another as fellow Americans all fearfully and wonderfully created in the image of God. May we take time to pray for our nation and our neighbors.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 5, 2022* as:


### *National Day of Prayer*

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 Fifteenth 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