

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys, and now has nearly one-half million active participants; and
- Whereas,** baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and training so they may become better citizens; and
- Whereas,** the art of baton twirling is one of the largest nationwide beneficial youth movements; and
- Whereas,** baton twirling plays an important part in children's hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy; and
- Whereas,** baton twirlers provide color and inspiration to our communities; and
- Whereas,** champion twirlers from all across the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame on July 17-23, 2022, to conduct a colorful youth pageant called *America's Youth on Parade*; and
- Whereas,** the grand national baton twirling championships will be conducted as part of the youth pageant; and
- Whereas,** the 41<sup>st</sup> annual National Collegiate (Ruby) twirling championships will be a highlight of *America's Youth on Parade*.
- Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *July 17-23, 2022* as:


### *National Baton Twirling Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to acknowledge the colorful and beneficial youth movement of baton twirling.


**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 Sixteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Nine, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.



  
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Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
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Secretary of State