

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** sepsis is a life-threatening illness with more than one million cases each year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
- Whereas,** sepsis effects 1.7 million Americans and takes approximately 350,000 lives every year – more than from prostate cancer, breast cancer, and opioid overdose combined; and
- Whereas,** sepsis is very common and very deadly, but it is unknown to much of the public; and
- Whereas,** sepsis deaths are nearly 80% preventable with early recognition and appropriate treatment, but approximately 35% of U.S. adults have never heard of the illness, and even more cannot name the signs and symptoms; and
- Whereas,** sepsis is the body's toxic reaction to infection that injures its own tissues and organs and can lead to organ failure and death, especially if sepsis is not recognized early and treated promptly; and
- Whereas,** people with sepsis can be in extreme pain, experiencing symptoms that can include fevers, shivering, discolored skin, and shortness of breath among others; and
- Whereas,** Sepsis Alliance and other organizations have joined together to advocate for sepsis awareness, education, and a better future through early diagnosis and treatment.

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

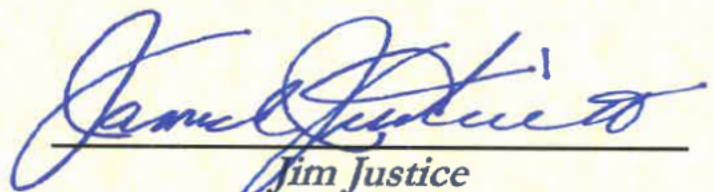
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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 Twenty-Fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State