

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (VEDS) is a life-threatening genetic connective tissue condition that can cause spontaneous life-threatening emergencies of the blood vessels and hollow organs, can cause varying degrees of disability, pain, and muscular skeletal issues, and can result in life-long health challenges and early death; and

Whereas, it is estimated that 1 in 50,000 individuals worldwide are born with VEDS; and

Whereas, VEDS is a lifelong, incurable, potentially debilitating, and life-threatening genetic condition, and timely diagnosis and lifestyle modifications are essential; and

Whereas, VEDS is often misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed; and

Whereas, VEDS is frequently mistaken for other forms of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, some of which do not carry the same risks for life-threatening emergencies; and

Whereas, through public awareness, the state of West Virginia seeks to raise awareness of VEDS in order to properly diagnosis and care for individuals affected by VEDS; and

Whereas, further medical research and awareness can provide hope for a treatment and a cure for VEDS.

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

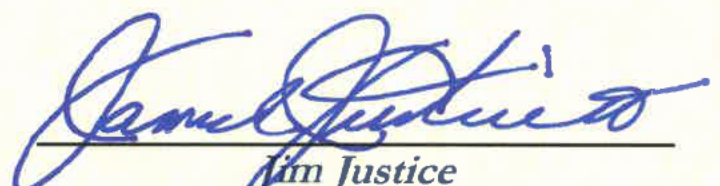
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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-First day of September, 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