Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the Education Alliance is a nonprofit organization that mobilizes business and community partnerships that equip West Virginia students for success; and

Whereas, the Education Alliance was established in July 1983 by business executives who saw the importance of supporting public schools and giving the business community a voice in education; and

Whereas, the Education Alliance's mission as an independent voice, earnest advocate, and statewide participant is to advance policies and practices to continually improve public school student achievement in West Virginia; and

Whereas, research shows that quality school-business partnerships provide multiple benefits to students, including increasing school capacity, enhancing students' educational experiences, and preparing students for successful careers in the mountain state; and

Whereas, now more than ever, students and educators welcome innovative approaches and additional helping hands to partner in supporting equitable and quality learning outcomes; and

Whereas, through educational opportunities and support like mentoring, work-based learning, and the Education Alliance Caperton Center for School Business Partnerships, WV students are being equipped for success; and

Whereas, the Great State of West Virginia acknowledges the business and community leaders, educators, policymakers, and donors who have contributed for four decades to enable The Education Alliance to serve West Virginia students.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *December 5, 2023* as:

40th Anniversary of The Education Alliance

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in 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 Thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.

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Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State