

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, helps provide the foundation of our state; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia ranks third in the nation for the largest percentage of the population over the age of 65 adults in the United States; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Social Services, Adult Family Care Program currently serves 122 adults in Adult Family Care placement who have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities and cannot care for themselves; and
- Whereas,** these individuals are being provided with a compassionate, safe, secure, and stable family environment in Adult Family Care Homes; and
- Whereas,** Adult Family Care Providers play a vital role in helping incapacitated adults remain in a family environment while assuring them as much independence as possible; and
- Whereas,** dedicated Adult Family Care Providers frequently care for these special individuals throughout the individuals' lifetime until they are capable of living on their own, or until they have needs that can no longer be met in the Adult Family Care Provider's home; and
- Whereas,** there are increasing numbers of individuals who qualify for Adult Family Care and numerous individuals and public and private organizations that work to increase public awareness of the needs of incapacitated adults as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of Adult Family Care Providers to the lives of the citizens of West Virginia.

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

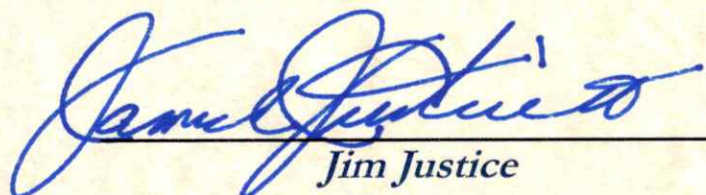
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in the Mountain State and urge all citizens to change a life by sharing their hearts, opening their homes, and offering help to Adult Family Care Residents, Adult Family Care Homes, and the Adult Services Staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.


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 First day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State