

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia that affects memory, thinking and behavior; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain that affects more than 6 million Americans and 39,000 people in West Virginia; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States and ranks as one of our nation's most expensive diseases at an estimated cost of \$320 billion last year; and

Whereas, more than 11 million Americans provided nearly 16 billion hours of unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementia last year; and

Whereas, the mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia through the advancement of research, driving risk reduction and early detection and maximizing quality care and support; and

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research; and

Whereas, the vision of the Alzheimer's Association is a world without Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's advocates from across the state have gathered today to speak on behalf of those living with Alzheimer's, their caregivers and families in West Virginia.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 16, 2023* as:

Alzheimer's Advocacy and Public Awareness Day in West Virginia

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

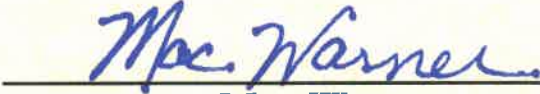
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State