

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** every child has a right to feel safe in a loving environment and in a home free from danger; and
- Whereas,** the effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by entire communities and must be addressed; and
- Whereas,** in memory of the children who are lost each year due to child abuse and neglect, automobile accidents, suicide, homicide and preventable accidents, the Child Welfare League of America established the fourth Friday in April as *Children's Memorial Flag Day*; and
- Whereas,** the flag is brightly colored in red, white and blue and depicts one child missing from a row of children holding hands; and
- Whereas,** the flag has become a recognizable symbol of the need to do a better job of protecting children; and
- Whereas,** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and
- Whereas,** citizens should become more aware of the effects of child abuse and its prevention and become involved in providing safe and nurturing environments for children.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 28, 2023* as:

### *Children's Memorial Flag Day*

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 Twentieth day of March, 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