

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** “*Frosty the Snowman*” was written by Walter “Jack” Rollins of Keyser, Mineral County, West Virginia and Steve Nelson; and
- Whereas,** “*Frosty the Snowman*” was first recorded by Gene Autry and the Cass Country Boys in 1950 and later recorded by Jimmy Durante, releasing it as a single; and
- Whereas,** “*Frosty the Snowman*” quickly became a holiday seasonal hit and adapted to other media including a popular television special by Rankin/Bass Productions, “*Frosty the Snowman*,” and
- Whereas,** the song recounts a fictional tale of Frosty, a snowman with a corn cob pipe, button nose, and two eyes made out of coal, who is brought to life by a magical silk hat that a group of children find and place on his head; and
- Whereas,** although Frosty enjoys wandering throughout the town with the children who constructed him, he had to hurry on his way, but he promised he would be back again someday; and
- Whereas,** West Virginians are known for being caring, joyful and happy individuals, much like “*Frosty the Snowman*,” and
- Whereas,** “*Frosty the Snowman*” is a joyful holiday song that has been and will continue to be popular during the holiday season for years to come and we should honor Walter Rollins as the great West Virginian he was, and for creating and writing the character “*Frosty the Snowman*.”

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim ***December 14, 2023*** as:

Frosty the Snowman 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 Sixteenth day of November, 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