

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** professional truck drivers deliver life's essentials to every home, community, school, hospital and business in America; and
- Whereas,** they travel more than 421 billion miles delivering nearly 70 percent of total U.S. freight tonnage; and
- Whereas,** there are more than 3.6 million men and women who work as professional truck drivers and are dedicated to safety on our highways, in our workplaces, to the industry they work in, and to the families and citizens of the United States of America; and
- Whereas,** the total trucking industry wages paid in West Virginia in 2019 exceeded \$1.7 billion, with an average annual trucking industry salary of \$45,224; and
- Whereas,** professional truck drivers of the Great State of West Virginia delivered for our families and communities during the coronavirus pandemic, putting their own health and wellbeing at risk; and
- Whereas,** during our State's most challenging times and in moments of natural disasters, professional truck drivers are among the first to respond, bringing critical goods to aid in our recovery; and
- Whereas,** it is important honor professional truck drivers for their past and future contributions to our well-being and the economic value of their industry to the Mountain State.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 10-16, 2023* as:


National Truck Drivers Appreciation Week

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

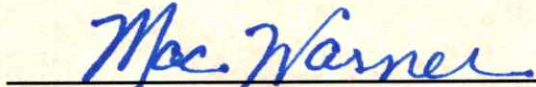
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Sixth day of October, 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