

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** June is nationally recognized as *Reunification Month* and focuses on ongoing efforts to keep families together; and .
- Whereas,** West Virginia is committed to enhancing partnerships between birth parents and foster/resource parents to support and increase the preservation of families involved in child welfare; and
- Whereas,** focusing on family engagement as well as prioritizing children, youth, and family voices in decision-making, case planning, and court processes; and
- Whereas,** supporting safe and stable families with more intensive family-centered services unique to each family's circumstance to address the root cause for child welfare intervention is critical; and
- Whereas,** the primary goal for children in foster care must be safe and stable reunification with birth parents, as reunification increases a child's well-being outcomes; and
- Whereas,** when everyone works together toward the common goal of reunification, they accomplish success, build lasting relationships, and demonstrate the highest level of public service to their community; and
- Whereas,** every child deserves a happy, healthy, loving family, and West Virginia has an unwavering responsibility to ensure that children who enter foster care can safely return to their birth families; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia is dedicated to joining the nation in carrying out the *Reunification Month* theme, "Reunification: Shifting Power and Reconnecting Families All Year Long."

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

Reunification Month

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 Second day of June, 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