

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and
- Whereas,** schools can more effectively ensure that all students can learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multitiered supports; and
- Whereas,** children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and
- Whereas,** school psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, and support of culturally diverse student populations; and
- Whereas,** school psychology has more than 60 years of well established, widely recognized, and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in NASP's Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services; and
- Whereas,** school psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver, in the school and community, a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and
- Whereas,** school psychologists help children thrive by nurturing their strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and
- Whereas,** school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia should recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our state's children.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 6-10, 2023* as:

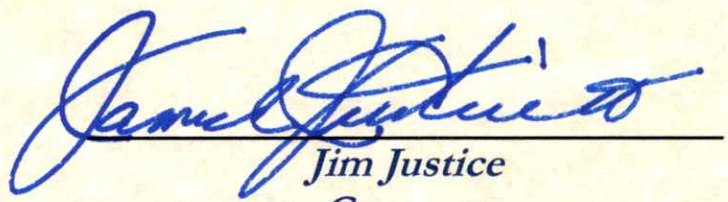
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

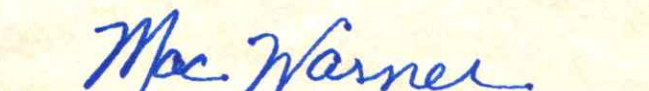
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-third 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