

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** Theatre education enriches the lives of West Virginia students and allows them to strengthen critical thinking, communication, collaboration, leadership, and problem-solving skills outside of a traditional classroom environment; and

**Whereas,** many school administrators believe that theatre experiences can improve the overall academic skills of students; and

**Whereas,** Theatre education can contribute to the mental well-being of students by providing a welcoming, creative, and positive environment to explore and discover new ideas; and

**Whereas,** many schools in West Virginia provide enriching performing arts experiences for students of all ages, giving many young people a creative outlet to express themselves; and

**Whereas,** *Theatre in Our Schools Month* is an opportunity for West Virginia to celebrate theatre education in schools and recognize the importance of theatre in the lives of students.

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

### *Theatre in Our Schools 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 Seventh day of February, 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