

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** West Virginia's vulnerable adults are valued members of society, and it is a collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and
- Whereas,** combating elder abuse will help improve the quality of life for all adults in West Virginia and will allow vulnerable adults to continue to live as independently as possible; and
- Whereas,** vulnerable West Virginians may be targeted for abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation, which can occur in families and communities of all social, economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds; and
- Whereas,** in this endeavor, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau of Senior Services, and Adult Protective Services program works closely with partners, both public and private, at the state and local level to serve vulnerable adults; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia and the Adult Protective Services program are committed to protecting and providing for the needs of West Virginia residents through prevention assessments, investigation of reports, and arrangement of services; and
- Whereas,** *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day* offers all West Virginians the opportunity to remember victims of adult maltreatment and their families to promote the programs and organizations that serve them, and to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of all people through our great state.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 15, 2023* as:

West Virginia Elder Abuse Awareness 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 Thirtieth day of May, 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