

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** the West Virginia State Wildlife Center, nestled in the heart of our beloved state, has a rich history dating back to 1923 when the Game and Fish Commission purchased property in Upshur County and created the French Creek Game Farm; and

**Whereas,** the West Virginia State Wildlife Center, as its name implies, has been a sanctuary for native wildlife and an educational resource promoting our state's abundant wildlife species and their importance to our heritage and ecosystem for a century; and

**Whereas,** the West Virginia State Wildlife Center has stood for 100 years as a testament to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources' mission to conserve and protect the state's natural resources so people can connect with the very essence of what makes West Virginia so special — its natural beauty, its abundant wildlife, and its rich heritage; and

**Whereas,** the West Virginia State Wildlife Center has allowed generations of West Virginians a chance to see our state's diverse wildlife up close, fostering profound appreciation for our native species and promoting responsible stewardship of their delicate ecosystems; and

**Whereas,** the West Virginia State Wildlife Center has been a cornerstone of tourism in the region, drawing West Virginians and visitors from far and wide to experience the natural splendor and unique wildlife that our state has to offer, thereby bolstering the local economy and showcasing West Virginia as a premier destination for nature enthusiasts; and

**Whereas,** the West Virginia State Wildlife Center, and all its staff over the last 100 years, has tirelessly worked towards the rehabilitation and protection of countless animals, further solidifying its position as a beacon of hope for wildlife in our great state; and

**Whereas,** on September 15 and September 16, we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the West Virginia State Wildlife Center, recognizing the invaluable contributions it has made to our state and the legacy it leaves for future generations.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 15-16, 2023* as:

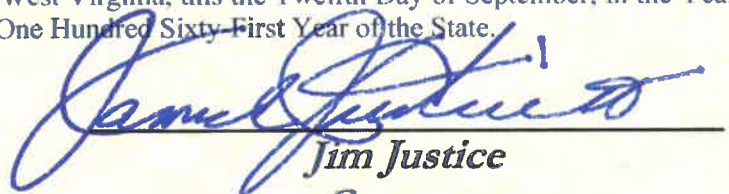
## *West Virginia State Wildlife Center 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Days*

in the Mountain State and call upon all citizens, schools, community organizations, and businesses to join in the celebration of this remarkable milestone for this incredible institution.


**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 Twelfth Day of September, 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