

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the Mountain State understands the importance of supporting entrepreneurship as one of the integral pieces of local and regional economic development; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia recognizes that small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides guidance and coaching to help small businesses succeed by providing services and assistance throughout the development process such as concept, start up and growth; and
- Whereas,** 98.9 percent of West Virginia businesses are small and 49.6 percent of West Virginia employees work for small businesses; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia Small Business Development Center helps business lay a solid foundation to build success by low-cost training in business fundamentals workshops, no-cost confidential advising with our statewide network of credentialed business coaches and financial resources connections; and
- Whereas,** citizens in the Mountain State support our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economies and preserve our neighborhoods; and
- Whereas,** SBDC clients open, manage and grow their businesses, provide job creation and employment, offer goods and services to clients, pay taxes and contribute to their communities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 20, 2024* as:

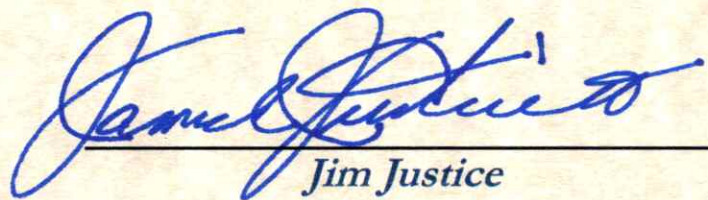
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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 Eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State