

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** higher education remains accessible and affordable for all West Virginians who want to continue their education or training; and
- Whereas,** postsecondary education supports individual growth, community development, and economic prosperity in the Mountain State; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia offers more than \$100 million in state financial aid annually, making continued earning possible for all students, regardless of their income level; and
- Whereas,** the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the gateway to making postsecondary learning attainable by opening doors to all state-sponsored, federal and collegiate financial aid programs; and
- Whereas,** *West Virginia FAFSA Day* serves as a crucial platform to raise awareness about the significance of FAFSA completion for all individuals wishing to pursue higher education; and
- Whereas,** this year's event emphasizes the urgency of timely FAFSA submission due to the launch of a new FAFSA in December 2023; and
- Whereas,** on West Virginia FAFSA Day, high schools and institutions of higher education will host activities that assist students and their families in navigating the FAFSA and college application process.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 1, 2024* as:

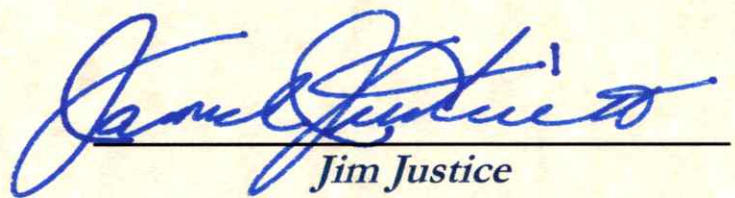
### *West Virginia FAFSA Day*

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

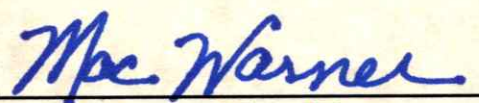
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fourth day of January, 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