

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** during the coal mine wars of the early 20th Century, Governor John Jacob Cornwell advocated for the formation of a statewide police force that would be a neutral agency between business and labor; and
- Whereas,** on March 29, 1919, in an extraordinary session of the West Virginia Legislature, after hours of negotiation and heated debate, a bill was passed creating the Department of Public Safety, also known as the West Virginia State Police. It was signed by Governor Cornwell on March 31, 1919; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia State Police is the sixth oldest State Police agency in the country; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia State Police shall have the mission of statewide enforcement of criminal and traffic laws with emphasis on providing basic enforcement and citizen protection from criminal depredation throughout the state and maintaining the safety of the state's public streets, roads and highways; and
- Whereas,** on June 29, 1919, Governor Cornwell appointed Jackson Arnold as the first Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police; and
- Whereas,** in 1948 the West Virginia State Police Academy was constructed in Institute, WV. All West Virginia law enforcement officers are trained and certified at the Academy; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia State Police houses and maintains many different statewide law enforcement entities, such as: the West Virginia State Police Forensic Crime Laboratory, the West Virginia Criminal Identification Bureau (CIB), the West Virginia Automated Police Network system (WEAPONS) and the West Virginia Intelligence Exchange (WVIX); and
- Whereas,** in 2019, the West Virginia State Police will be celebrating 100 years of serving the citizens of West Virginia with Integrity, Fairness, Respect, Honesty, Courage and Compassion.

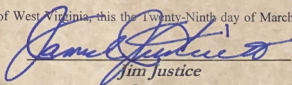
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 29, 2019* as:

West Virginia State Police 100th Anniversary

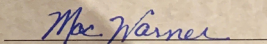
in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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 Twenty-Ninth day of March, in


Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State

