

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreting is a highly important profession; and
- Whereas,** each day and assignment are vastly different, offering the ability to learn and see things from a new perspective; and
- Whereas,** Interpreters are individuals with a deep passion for communication and developing relationships; and
- Whereas,** Interpreters have the unique opportunity to share in a wide range of unscripted personal experiences; from job interviews to family reunions; from business meetings to interpreting for the COVID-19 press conferences, as the relationships developed in these settings are the human element of interpreting that assist in bridging the cultural gap; and
- Whereas,** during the COVID-19 pandemic, Interpreters have become a vital asset, assuring that all citizens are receiving life-saving information in a timely manner; and
- Whereas,** Interpreting is a career that requires continued growth, it attracts people who are prepared to engage in lifelong personal and professional development; and
- Whereas,** today in West Virginia we celebrate the skills, abilities, and services that Interpreters provide to our citizens each and every day.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 6, 2020* as:

### *Interpreter Appreciation 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 Sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.



  
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Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
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Secretary of State