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.

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State