

# Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** residents of assisted living communities are active members of the larger community, offering their knowledge, life experiences and involvement; their past contributions continue to be a vital part of West Virginia's rich history; and their ongoing participation deepens West Virginia's identity; and
- Whereas,** assisted living is a critical long term care option for older adults and individuals with disabilities that fosters choice, dignity, and independence; assisted living communities are committed to excellence, innovation and the advancement of person-centered care; and
- Whereas,** in 1995, the National Center for Assisted Living established National Assisted Living Week® to honor the contributions of assisted living communities in providing long term care to America's seniors and individuals with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** this year's theme of National Assisted Living Week® is "Caring is Essential," highlights the incredible care provided by essential caregivers in assisted living facilities across the country; and
- Whereas,** during this special week, assisted living communities across the country are encouraged to organize activities and events which celebrate the dedication of staff, the individuality of residents, and the deep connections formed in these settings, while adhering to COVID-19 safety requirements and precautions.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 13-19, 2020* as:

## *National Assisted Living Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to virtually visit or call a loved one, family member, or friend residing in any care setting and offer a kind word and spend time participating in various virtual activities to unite those from all walks of life in need of our continuing love and support, and to learn more about how assisted living services benefit West Virginia.


**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 Tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State