

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the well-being of children and families should be of the highest priority; and

Whereas, there are more than 7,200 children in out of home placement in the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas, every child deserves a lifetime family, that permanency is possible for all children, and that the single most important thing that we can do to promote positive long-term outcomes for children is to connect them with stable and loving families; and

Whereas, foster, kinship, and adoptive families open their homes to support children whose families are in crisis and play a vital role in helping children find permanency; and

Whereas, there are a number of individuals in public and private organizations who work to increase awareness of the needs of children in out of home placement; and

Whereas, the State of West Virginia recognizes that there is great need for foster families to serve the number of children in out of home placement.

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


Foster Care Month

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 First day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State