Whereas, we recognize that hunger is a persistent problem in West Virginia, with 1 in 5 adults struggling daily with knowing where their next meal will come from; and

Whereas, hunger impacts everyone in all walks of life; many working families struggle with hunger; and

Whereas, children are at a higher risk of hunger, with 1 in 4 children not having enough food to get them through the day; a hungry child cannot learn, a hungry child cannot grow; and

Whereas, our population of seniors are particularly at-risk as they make choices daily on whether they eat nutritional foods or pay other bills including medical bills and utilities; and

Whereas, West Virginia has a strong network of non-profits, including two food banks and over 600 community feeding programs whose focus is strengthening communities; together over 31 million pounds of food are distributed to those in need each year.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim January 14, 2020 as:

Hunger Free West Virginia 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 Second day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.