

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, the West Virginia Arts Section and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts support programs, organizations, and individual artists in all 55 counties; and
- Whereas,** the arts are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world – the enduring record of human achievement; and
- Whereas,** the arts provide the foundation for creativity, equip an innovative workforce, keep our state globally competitive, create jobs, drive tourism, and are an engine for economic growth; and
- Whereas,** support for the arts advances, fosters and promotes the traditional and contemporary creativity of our residents through music, theatre, literature, dance and fine arts; and
- Whereas,** the arts strengthen the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit attracting new businesses to our communities throughout our state; and
- Whereas,** arts education research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression, and problem-solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and
- Whereas,** the arts plays a unique and valuable role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our state.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 10, 2021* as:

### *West Virginia Arts 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 Tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State