## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome) is a DISEASE of the gastrointestinal tract characterized by abdominal pain, cramping and bloating, and altered bowel habits. The major forms of IBS are diarrhea predominant (IBS -D), constipation predominant (IBS-C) and mixed IBS (IBS-M). This disease impacts work productivity, mental health and diminishes quality of

ife; and

Whereas, IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome) is a chronic illness affecting approximately, 45 million people in the United States, yet public awareness and medical understanding is severely lacking; and

Whereas, there is no known cure for IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome); and

Whereas, those that suffer from IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome) seek more funding for research, treatments, and cures to end their suffering; and

Whereas, the people of West Virginia can benefit from increased awareness of the debilitating effects of IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome) for the good of public health and to better support those affected by this disease.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 2022* as:

## IBS Awareness 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 Fourteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.



James Justice
Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State