Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, according to the CDC, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

Whereas, The World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

Whereas, Infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

Whereas, the LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and

Whereas, family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

Whereas, cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in West Virginia to access the family building option they need; and

Whereas, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2022 as:

National Infertility Awareness Week

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

By the Governor:

Governor

Secretary of State