Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

Whereas, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and

Whereas, nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame; symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and

Whereas, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

Whereas, each year an estimated 3.3 million Americans require emergency room treatment for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to food. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

Whereas, the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment has risen 377 percent in only a decade; and

Whereas, FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2022 as:

Food Allergy 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 April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State