Proclamation
by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys, and now has nearly one-half million active participants; and

Whereas, baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and training so they may become better citizens; and

Whereas, the art of baton twirling is one of the largest nationwide beneficial youth movements; and

Whereas, baton twirling plays an important part in children’s hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy; and

Whereas, baton twirlers provide color and inspiration to our communities; and

Whereas, champion twirlers from all across the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame on July 17-23, 2022, to conduct a colorful youth pageant called America’s Youth on Parade; and

Whereas, the grand national baton twirling championships will be conducted as part of the youth pageant; and

Whereas, the 41st annual National Collegiate (Ruby) twirling championships will be a highlight of America’s Youth on Parade.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim July 17-23, 2022 as:

National Baton Twirling Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to acknowledge the colorful and beneficial youth movement of baton twirling.

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 Sixteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Nine, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.

[Signature]
Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State