Proclamation
by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control, the maternal mortality rate in the United States increased from 20.1 to 23.8 per 100,000 live births; and

Whereas, the maternal mortality rate in West Virginia (1) as of 2023, 12.9 deaths per 100,000 live births; and

Whereas, amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality affecting one and twelve cases for every 100,000; and

Whereas, an AFE is thought to be the result of an allergic-like reaction to the amniotic fluid or fetal cells that have entered the circulatory system during childbirth, a normal part of the birth process; and

Whereas, AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in WV, provides meaningful education and life-saving skills to (1) properly prepare healthcare providers to manage and treat patients; (2) increase lives saved; (3) gain submissions to the AFE Registry and Biorepository; and

Whereas, awareness of AFE and commensurate data collection and research will promote - (1) understanding of this disorder; (2) expanding the search for effective treatment; (3) acceleration of the increased number of lives saved.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2023 as:

Amniotic Fluid Awareness 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 Twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.

[Signature]
Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:

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Mac Warner
Secretary of State