

# 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.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State