

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, a woman has a one in eight chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime; and

Whereas, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) provides specific recommendations for women aged 40-49 years old and 50-74 years old for breast cancer screenings; it is recommended women who are at average risk begin biennial screening mammography at age 50 to 74; and

Whereas, screening guidelines for breast cancer vary; residents are encouraged to talk with a healthcare provider about specific risk factors and the most appropriate screening schedule; and

Whereas, the best method to reduce deaths due to breast cancer is through early detection of the disease; and

Whereas, screening and early detection of breast cancer are vital to the health and well-being of West Virginia women; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program works to raise awareness of the important lifesaving early detection practices and resources available for West Virginia women.

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

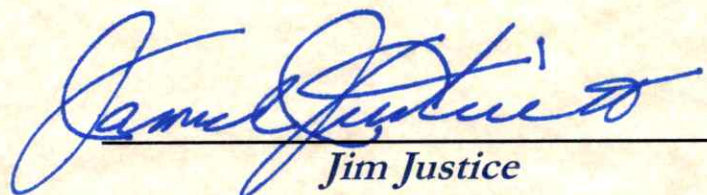
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in 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 Fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State