

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and
- Whereas,** one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday; and
- Whereas,** 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and
- Whereas,** the average age of diagnosis is six years old; and
- Whereas,** 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and
- Whereas,** on average there's been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years; and
- Whereas,** two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and
- Whereas,** approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and
- Whereas,** in the last 30 years only six new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and
- Whereas,** hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support.

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


Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

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 Eleventh day of July, 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