Whereas, promoting the positive mental health of all children, youth, and families is fundamental to the future of West Virginia; and

Whereas, children, youth, and families with mental health needs benefit from access to timely services and integrated supports that are family-driven, youth-guided, and culturally appropriate; and

Whereas, the state and community stakeholders continue to build a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for children, youth, and families, which integrates behavioral health, primary care, education, and child welfare; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that a week should be set apart to emphasize the importance of caring for every child's mental well-being and to reinforce the message that positive mental health is essential to a child's overall health and development.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2023 as:

**Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week**

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 Twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.

By the Governor:

Jim Justice
Governor

Mac Warner
Secretary of State