

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** diabetes is a chronic disease in which sugar levels in the bloodstream are above normal, and more than 230,000 people in West Virginia are diagnosed with some form of the disease; and
- Whereas,** diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, and people with diabetes have a 50% higher risk of early death than those without the disease; and
- Whereas,** there are approximately 65,000 West Virginians who are undiagnosed and may experience slow damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs without producing symptoms; and
- Whereas,** early detection of type 1 diabetes using a blood sugar test to determine if blood sugar levels are within normal range may prevent a delay in diagnosis or misdiagnosis that can lead to the potentially life-threatening condition of diabetic ketoacidosis; and
- Whereas,** type 2 diabetes, often referred to as insulin resistance, occurs when the pancreas makes more insulin to try to get cells to respond causing the body to not use insulin properly; and
- Whereas,** type 2 diabetes accounts for approximately 90% - 95% of diagnosed diabetes cases in adults in the United States and can be prevented or delayed through participation in a diabetes prevention lifestyle change program; and
- Whereas,** *Diabetes Awareness Month* is an opportunity to provide education about the disease and raise awareness that a simple blood sugar test or taking a Pre-Diabetes Risk Test has the potential to save lives and positively impact the people of West Virginia.

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

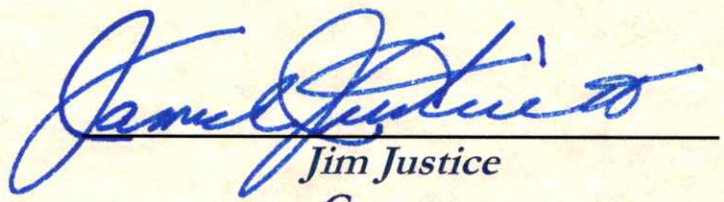
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

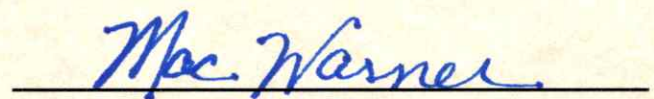
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Sixth 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