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:

Diabetes 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 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