

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, agriculture in the State of West Virginia is a leading economic driver, contributing billions to the State of West Virginia economy; and

Whereas, the overall safety of farm and agricultural workers is of the utmost importance to the government of this state; and

Whereas, slips and falls from ladders, entanglements from augers and PTOs and injuries from handling and transportation of crops are all hazards involved with the agriculture industry in the State of West Virginia; and

Whereas, due to increased training and more public awareness, deaths and injuries from farm equipment have declined; and

Whereas, *Farm Safety Week* is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote farm and grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain handling facilities; and

Whereas, *Farm and Grain Bin Safety Week* is a collaborative effort by industry leaders including, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Nationwide Agribusiness, The West Virginia Farm Bureau, The West Virginia Department of Agriculture, KC Supply, Delaware Soybean Board, Maryland Soybean Board, West Side Salvage, GROWMARK, AGI SureTrack, NOHR Wortmann Engineering, Horizon Farm Credit, ABIS/Assured Partners, Gallagher, ProValue Insurance LLC, Scoular Grain, Gregerson Salvage, Inc., Nationwide Sponsor Relations, Maryland Farm Bureau, Ohio Farm Bureau, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, New York Farm Bureau, Delaware Farm Bureau, Sump Saver, Kelly Jones Insurance Agency, LLC, Wiley Insurance Agency, Valley Insurance Agency Alliance, D Larson Financial & Insurance Services, Maryland Grain Producers, Rugby Insurance Agency, Lutz Agency, Inc., Specialty Risk Insurance, CHS, Colonial Farm Credit, Charles County Farm Bureau, St. Mary's County Farm Bureau, IRMI, Gerber Insurance Agency, Heritage Insurance & Real Estate, Turtle Plastics, Traer Fire Department, Jefferson County Farm Bureau, Mark Bruns Agency, Ashtabula County Farm Bureau, Panichelle Insurance, TGIF Solutions, Inc., Armstrong County Farm Bureau, Indiana Corn Marketing Council, MN Soybean Research and Promotion Council, and the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 19-25, 2023* as:

Farm and Grain Bin Safety 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 Seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State