

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** there are an estimated 100 million Americans affected by liver disease. Most people are unaware that the risk factors for liver disease include diabetes, heart disease, and obesity; and
- Whereas,** there are many kinds of liver diseases and conditions, the most common are hepatitis viruses, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), autoimmune diseases, genetic conditions, alcohol-related liver disease, cancer, and others. Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) causes excess fat to build up in the liver; and
- Whereas,** research estimates that fatty liver disease is present in up to 75% of overweight people and in more than 90% of people with severe obesity. NAFLD has become the most common form of childhood liver disease in the U.S., more than doubling over the past 20 years; and
- Whereas,** Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) is a dangerously progressive form of NAFLD in which patients have inflammation of the liver and liver damage, in addition to excess fat; and
- Whereas,** NASH is expected to become the leading cause of liver transplantation in the United States between 2020-2025. Therefore, it is critical that attention be brought to this often-overlooked health crisis; and
- Whereas,** the month of October is *National Liver Awareness Month* and the American Liver Foundation is calling on all West Virginians to participate in raising awareness of liver disease which affects approximately 100 million Americans.

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

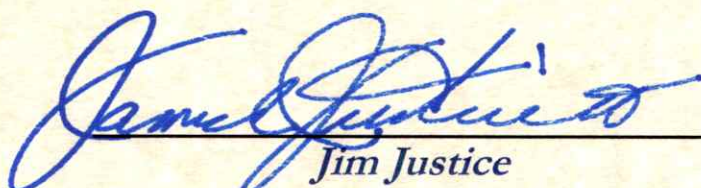
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


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-first day of August, 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