

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Local Quilt Shop Day is an annual arts celebration observed this year on Saturday, January 28, 2023, and was created to raise awareness about the importance of independent quilt shops to local economies throughout the state of West Virginia and the country as a whole; and

Whereas, the great state of West Virginia is home to over 27 Local Quilt Shops and a rich and time-honored tradition of quilting; and

Whereas, the art of quilting is woven throughout the history of our country, and indeed the building of the great state of West Virginia. Generations upon generations of quilters have relied on the skills and experience of those who came before them. Our local quilt shops serve as centers of learning and community for quilters of this generation, those that came before them, and those that will come in the future; and

Whereas, local quilt shops embody the beating heart of sewing communities in West Virginia and around the world. This has been true throughout our history. It is fitting to celebrate their efforts, contributions, and their future in the first month of this new and hopeful year of 2023; and

Whereas, without local quilt stores, the rich character and even the history of our communities would be forever altered. With enthusiastic support from the communities they serve, we hope our local quilt shops will remain forever - helping this and future generations carry on these traditional arts, well into the future, reach out and visit your local quilt shop, you'll be delighted you did.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 28, 2023* as:

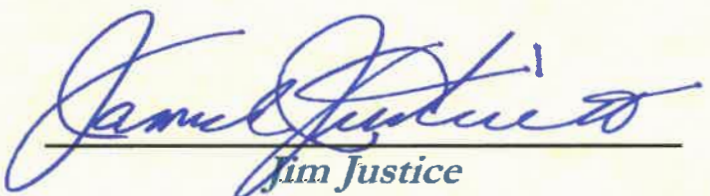
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

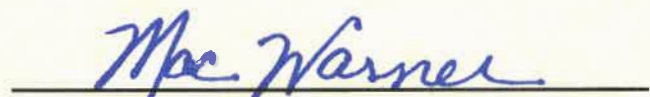
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Ninth 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