Proclamation  
by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys; and
Whereas, baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and training so they might become better qualified citizens; and
Whereas, the art and sport of baton twirling is one of the largest nationwide beneficial youth movements for girls and boys; and
Whereas, baton twirling plays an important part in children’s hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy; and
Whereas, baton twirlers lend so much color and inspiration to our community; and
Whereas, champion twirlers from all across the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame on July 24-27, 2023, to conduct a colorful youth pageant called America’s Youth on Parade; and
Whereas, the 42nd annual National Collegiate twirling championships will be a highlight of America’s Youth on Parade.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim July 23-29, 2023 as:

National Baton Twirling Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to acknowledge the colorful and beneficial youth movement of baton twirling.

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 Sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.

[Signature]
Jim Justice  
Governor

By the Governor:

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Mac Warner  
Secretary of State