## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, individuals in the public safety sector, both career and volunteer, from 911 dispatchers, law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, search and rescue, dive and other organizations, come together as first responders to protect and aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

Whereas, every day, first responders risk their own safety and personal property in the performance of their duties to protect our citizens; and

Whereas, first responders are our first and best defense against emergencies that may threaten our communities; and

Whereas, first responders are ready to aid the people of West Virginia, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

Whereas, first responders are a vital part of every West Virginia community who maintain safety and order in times of crisis, and volunteer in our towns and schools; and

Whereas, first responders are highly trained, specialized workers who contribute their excellent skills for the public good and often for no pay; and

Whereas, the members of first responder organizations undergo significant education, training, and personal sacrifice in order to achieve the expertise required to respond to all types of emergency situations.

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

## National First Responders Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join 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 Sixth day of September, 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