

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) initiative is a federally funded grant program designed to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education; and
- Whereas,** September 25th – 29th, 2023 has been designated as “*National GEAR UP Week*” in honor of this valuable effort; and
- Whereas,** GEAR UP southern West Virginia helps build school, family, and community support networks to advance the educational attainment and personal success of thousands of students in southern West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** GEAR UP serves as a model program through which successful college access and student success initiatives have been developed; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia’s workforce needs 60 percent of its working-aged adults to have a college degree or high-quality certificate by 2030 to grow the state’s economy; and
- Whereas,** this year marks the end of the first year for the GEAR UP Southern West Virginia grant at Concord University.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 25– 29, 2023* as:

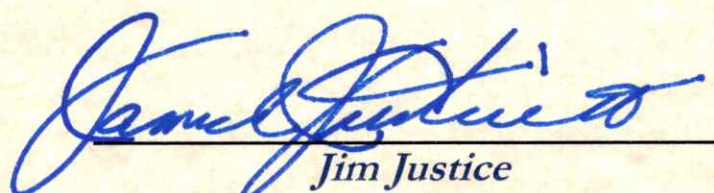
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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 Twenty-First 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


Mac Warner
Secretary of State