

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses who, despite a world-wide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and

**Whereas,** small businesses remain the heartbeat of our communities and the American economy, employing more than half of our Nation's workers, inventing and innovating to launch new technologies and create new American-led industries, enriching our Main Streets, making parts and products in America to fuel our supply chains, and building our Nation's infrastructure; and

**Whereas,** historic investments made through the President's American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act will ensure small businesses have access to federal capital support, technical assistance, contracting opportunities, and other resources to help lead the way as we rebuild America's roads and bridges and build a clean energy economy for the future; and

**Whereas,** when we support small business, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

**Whereas,** entrepreneurship continues to be one of the best pathways to the American Dream, evidenced by the remarkable small business boom, with more than 10.5 million Americans applying to start a business since January 20, 2021 – more than in any other two-year period in American history; and

**Whereas,** by renewing our commitment to supporting small businesses, we can maintain our global competitiveness and build a stronger Nation where everyone can succeed - from the bottom up and middle out; and

**Whereas,** the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

**Whereas,** West Virginia supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 30 - May 6, 2023* as:

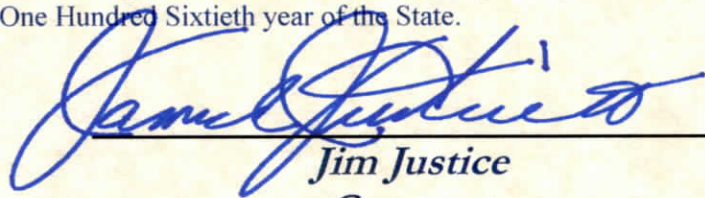
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**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 Seventeenth day of April, 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