Proclamation
by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

Whereas, according to the CDC, sepsis affects 1.7 million people and takes 350,000 adult lives and 6,800 children's lives every year in the United States; and

Whereas, sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States at $62 billion annually; and

Whereas, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy and are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life; and

Whereas, despite the severe danger of this condition, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and

Whereas, the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME": "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and

Whereas, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors.

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

Sepsis Awareness Month

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 Sixth day of July, 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