Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, testicular cancer is rare, but is the most common cancer found in men aged 15 to 34; and

Whereas, in 2023, 9,190 men will be diagnosed with testicular cancer, and approximately 470 men will die from it; and

Whereas, although the number of new cases of testicular cancer has doubled in the last 40 years, the number of deaths caused by testicular cancer has decreased greatly because of better treatments; and

Whereas, testicular cancer is usually treatable if detected early; and

Whereas, the first sign of testicular cancer is often a bump or lump on a testicle; and

Whereas, early stages of testicular cancer can be detected with self-exams and regular visits to a healthcare provider; and

Whereas, men who have testicular cancer and are educated about the value of early detection will be more likely to have cancer detected when it is treatable; and

Whereas, men who discuss treatment options with their healthcare professional and with their family are more likely to make good treatment decisions; and

Whereas, testicular cancer not only affects men but also affects their family and friends; and

Whereas, West Virginia Testicular Cancer Awareness Month will encourage men to learn how to do a self-exam and discuss testicular cancer with their healthcare professionals.

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

Testicular Cancer Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance, and encourage all men to learn their risk, to learn how to do a self-exam, and speak to their healthcare professional about screening for testicular cancer.

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

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Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State