Proclamation
by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, during the month of March, Trisomy Awareness Month is observed to encourage citizens to increase their awareness of Trisomy, a genetic disorder that deeply affects families; and

Whereas, trisomy is the presence within a person’s cells of a single extra chromosome, yielding a total of three chromosomes instead of a pair; and

Whereas, as a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with any of the 23 pairs of chromosomes individuals have; and

Whereas, the most common trisomies in newborns are Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome), Trisomy 18 (Edwards Syndrome), and Trisomy 13 (Patau Syndrome); and

Whereas, local support groups, medical professionals, and online communities offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children; and

Whereas, now is the time for all West Virginians to educate themselves on all forms of trisomy, support families currently experiencing trisomy, and participate in helping people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential.

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

Trisomy 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 Twenty-eighth day of February, 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