

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the Parent Teacher Association ("PTA"), has been instrumental in establishing programs and services to improve children's lives, including school nutrition programs, child labor laws, public health services, the juvenile justice system, the creation of kindergarten, the advancement of family engagement, and the growth of arts in education; and
- Whereas,** the PTA is the nation's largest volunteer-led child advocacy association working to drive improvements in the education, health, and well-being of all children and families; and
- Whereas,** the founders of the PTA, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and Selena Sloan Butler were women of imagination and courage who understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world; and
- Whereas,** founded as the National Congress of Mothers, the PTA celebrates over 125 years since its founding on February 17, 1897; and is proud to celebrate the 100th anniversary of PTA in the State of West Virginia since its charter began in 1923; and
- Whereas,** today, West Virginia has local PTAs throughout the state and its members represent the ethnic diversity of the nation and come from the ranks of all families who, together, continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia PTA connects families, schools, and communities; and is part of the foundation of the public education system and a trusted messenger to thousands of members, parents, families, educators, and allied agencies throughout the state.

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

West Virginia PTA Day

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

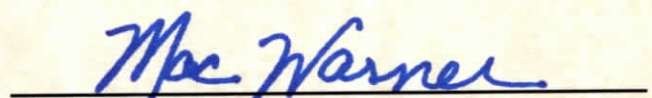
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Third 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