

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Peer Support Specialists will be recognized for their dedication and the important role he/she play in helping those with mental health, addiction, and or trauma-related challenges move along the continuum of recovery and inclusion into communities of his/her choosing; and
- Whereas,** Peer Support Specialists will be celebrated for sharing lived experiences to inspire hope in the lives of West Virginians; They are trained providers who use his/her experience to encourage, engage with, and support others with mental health, addiction, and or trauma-related challenges, using the recovery model and the principals and values of peer support to provide hope, support, and be a role model of recovery; and
- Whereas,** Peer Support Specialists will be recognized as an integral part of the recovery and healing process for West Virginia communities and families and celebrated for creating careers and pathways for them; and
- Whereas,** *Peer Support Specialist Recognition Week's* goal is to increase public awareness of peer supporters, the services they provide (or do not provide), how they are impacting the lives of countless seniors, adults, children, adolescents, and families within the health and human services industry, and how they are providing a shining example of recovery into the places where these services are delivered; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia will recognize Peer Support Specialists from all communities within the state and celebrate their decision to use circumstances to rebuild their future and create a positive influence in the lives of others.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *December 11-17, 2023* as:

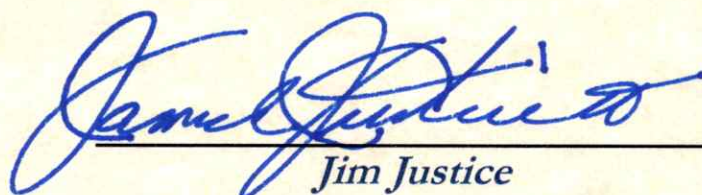
## *West Virginia Peer Support Specialist Recognition Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in 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 Thirteenth day of October, 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