Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, in 1975, Congress voted to make November 11, Veteran's Day, in honor of our veterans; and

Whereas, the greatest acknowledgment of our freedom is to honor our armed forces veterans who have sacrificed and in many instances paid the ultimate price for our freedom; and

Whereas, the Great State of West Virginia recognizes and respects the 140,000 veterans for their contributions for our freedom and security; and

Whereas, the Great State of West Virginia realizes that many veterans, who gave so much of themselves, come home without any recognition; and

Whereas, both men and women of our armed forces continue to be an inspiration to all of us through their demonstration of courage, leadership and commitment in service to our community and country; and

Whereas, we in the Mountain State will always remember and pay homage to our military community for their contributions, dedication, and for some; the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of our freedom.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **November 9, 2023** as:

West Virginia's Veterans Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance and give special honor and recognition to the men and women who served in our armed forces.

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.

SEMPER TO SEMPER

Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State