

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, the West Virginia Arts Office, and the West Virginia Commission, on the Arts support programs, organizations, and individual artists in all 55 counties of the state; and

**Whereas,** the arts are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world -- the enduring record of human achievement; and

**Whereas,** the arts enhance every aspect of life in West Virginia - growing our creative economy, enriching our civic life, enhancing tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and

**Whereas,** support for the arts advances, fosters, and promotes the traditional and contemporary creativity of our residents through music, theatre, literature, dance, and fine arts; and

**Whereas,** arts education research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, imagination, creativity, self-expression, and problem-solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

**Whereas,** the preservation of folk and traditional art forms in West Virginia contributes to the unique richness of the Mountain State; and

**Whereas,** arts organizations and artists have expanded their creative activities to help sustain community life and connection during the COVID pandemic; and

**Whereas,** the arts play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our state.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2, 2023* as:

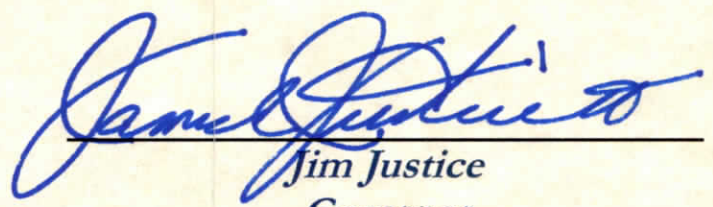
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Mountain State.


**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-Fourth 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