

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia and Japan have long enjoyed a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship, characterized by cultural, educational, and economic exchanges that have enriched both societies; and
- Whereas,** the economic ties between West Virginia and Japan have consistently provided significant contributions to the prosperity and growth of both regions, including investments, trade, and job creation, fostering a spirit of innovation and collaboration; and
- Whereas,** educational and cultural exchanges between West Virginians and the people of Japan have deepened mutual understanding, respect, and appreciation, thereby strengthening the bond between our two cultures; and
- Whereas,** numerous West Virginians have gained invaluable experience and perspective through educational and cultural programs in Japan, while many Japanese nationals have similarly benefited from their experiences in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** this enduring partnership has facilitated numerous collaborative initiatives in areas such as business, technology, arts, and environmental stewardship, significantly contributing to global progress and understanding; and
- Whereas,** it is essential to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of the Japanese community in West Virginia, which have greatly enriched the cultural fabric of the state; and
- Whereas,** November 29th marks a significant date in commemorating the longstanding friendship and cooperation between the Great State of West Virginia and Japan, providing an opportunity to honor our shared achievements and reaffirm our commitment to a continued prosperous relationship.

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


### ***West Virginia-Japan Friendship Day***

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate and strengthen the bond between West Virginia and Japan.


**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 November, 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