

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Arachnoiditis is a debilitating, progressive, multi-symptom, neurological disease caused by inflammation of the arachnoid, one of the membranes that protect the spinal cord; and
- Whereas,** Arachnoiditis attacks the function of the spinal cord, the afferent and efferent nerve pathways and the Pia Arachnoid sheath causing inflammation; and
- Whereas,** the progression of this disease leads to a host of secondary symptoms indicative of severe injury to the central nervous system; and
- Whereas,** if left unrecognized, untreated, or undertreated, Arachnoiditis may result in significant loss of an individual's ability to function independently, may interfere with major life activities, and may interfere with an individual's social interaction; and
- Whereas,** prevention and early detection of this disease is paramount for successful treatment; and
- Whereas,** the onset of Arachnoiditis is increasing in association with the use of interventional anesthesia procedures, neurotoxic drugs including unregulated compound drugs, spinal surgeries, and hospital acquired infections, and medical professionals are under trained in detection, diagnosis, treatment, and integrated care needs of affected persons.

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

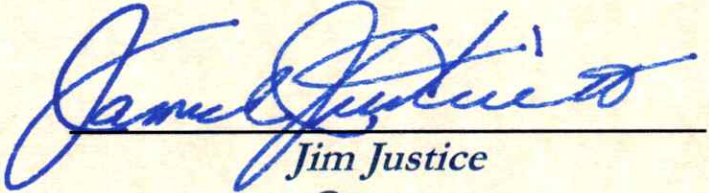
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**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 Thirteenth day of June, 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