

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is pleased to recognize and observe the third Thursday of February as World Cholangiocarcinoma Day in commemoration of all patients and caregivers impacted by the rare, lethal cancer; and
- Whereas,** the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation is the leading global resource in research, education, and public awareness; and
- Whereas,** an estimated 10,000 people in the United States develop cholangiocarcinoma each year, and the mortality rate has increased dramatically in the last decade; and
- Whereas,** cholangiocarcinoma is a rare cancer. Of the top eight deadliest cancers, seven are rare. Rare cancers have a five-year survival rate under 50% with the cholangiocarcinoma five-year survival rate being approximately 20%; and, there is currently no cure for cholangiocarcinoma/bile duct cancer; and
- Whereas,** foundations, research and teaching hospitals, rare cancer advocacy groups, and patient advocacy groups from around the globe have joined forces to recognize the third Thursday of February as World Cholangiocarcinoma Day; and
- Whereas,** increased cholangiocarcinoma advocacy, awareness, research, and education will bring improved outcomes for patients in earlier detection and treatment and potential curative methods.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 15, 2024* as:

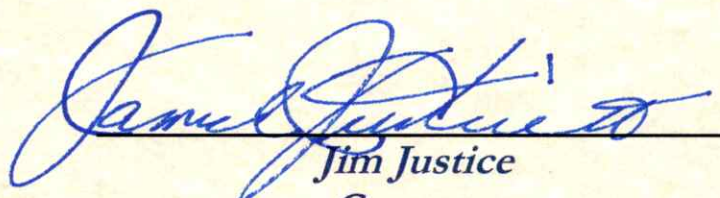
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance to support the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation.


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 Second 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