

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** America is a nation of progress, and small businesses are vital to spurring the competition and the innovations that drive our economy and our country forward; and
- Whereas,** President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law an act of Congress establishing the Small Business Administration (SBA) with the purpose of promoting and supporting the growth and success of small businesses across the United States of America; and
- Whereas,** since its founding, the SBA has stood as a pillar of support for America's entrepreneurs, fostering the growth and vitality of small businesses which are the backbone of our economy; and
- Whereas,** over the past seven decades, the SBA has implemented groundbreaking programs and innovative lending initiatives that have helped entrepreneurs transform the economic landscape of our nation; and
- Whereas,** the SBA plays a vital role in fostering entrepreneurship, ensuring capital access, assisting with contracts, and providing counseling services to small businesses and entrepreneurs so they have the opportunity to turn good ideas into great businesses; and
- Whereas,** through the SBA's loan guarantee programs, small businesses have thrived, creating millions of jobs, economic growth, and the realization of countless American dreams; and
- Whereas,** the SBA established the Office of Women's Business Ownership, empowering women entrepreneurs, and women-owned small businesses to thrive; and
- Whereas,** in times of crisis, the SBA plays a crucial role in disaster recovery, providing low-interest disaster loans to businesses and homeowners impacted by natural disasters; and
- Whereas,** during the unprecedented challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic, the SBA played a pivotal role in keeping our economy afloat with its administration of critical relief programs.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *July 30, 2023* as:

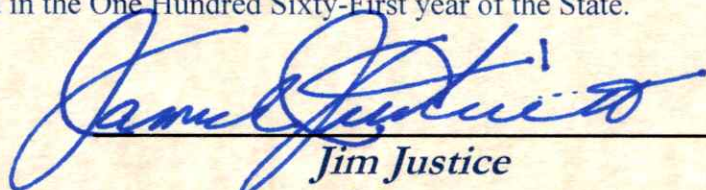
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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 Nineteenth day of July, 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