

# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

### A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, September 11, 2023, marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the largest act of terrorism on United States soil, a day forever marked as one of the most infamous in this nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center twin towers in New York City, at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and in southwestern Pennsylvania, acts by terrorists were so horrendous as to sear the souls of man; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2001, the Congress of the United States adopted Joint Resolution Seventy-One (Public Law 107-89) designating September 11<sup>th</sup> of each year as Patriot Day, and by Public Law 111-13 approved on the April 21, 2009, requested the observance of September 11<sup>th</sup> as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, I call upon the citizens of West Virginia to honor the victims of the attack on September 11, 2001, and do hereby **ORDER** that all State flags displayed at all State facilities, along with the flag of the United States, be displayed at half-staff the day of September 11, 2023; and do further **REQUEST** that all citizens of the State of West Virginia observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on that solemn day to honor the innocent victims who perished on September 11, 2001.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



**By the Governor**

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Eighth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First Year of the State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Justice".

**GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mac Warner".

**SECRETARY OF STATE**