

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** recognizing the day of March 27, 2024, as “Amniotic Fluid Embolism Awareness Day” to bring needed attention to this devastating and often-fatal pregnancy complication and the importance of reducing maternal mortality resulting from Amniotic Fluid Embolism (AFE) in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** according to the Center for Disease Control, the maternal mortality rate for 2021 was 32.9 deaths per 100,000 live births, compared with a rate of 23.8 in 2020 and 20.1 in 2019. Among wealthy nations, the U.S. has the highest rate of maternal mortality; and
- Whereas,** the maternal mortality rate in West Virginia - (1) 17.3 deaths per 100,000; (2) Though the state reports a figure slightly lower than the national average, much relevant data is missing, making it impossible to fully understand how pervasive the issue is in various communities; and
- Whereas,** amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality affecting 2 to 8 per 100,000 births; and
- Whereas,** an AFE is thought to be the result of an allergic-like reaction to the amniotic fluid or fetal cells that have entered the circulatory system during childbirth, a normal part of the birth process; and
- Whereas,** AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in WV, provides meaningful and education and life-saving skills to (1) properly prepare healthcare providers to manage and treat patients; (2) increase lives saved; (3) gain submissions to the AFE Registry and Biorepository; and
- Whereas,** awareness of AFE and commensurate data collection and research will promote - (1) understanding of this disorder; (2) expanding the search for effective treatment; (3) acceleration of the increased number of lives saved.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 27, 2024* as:

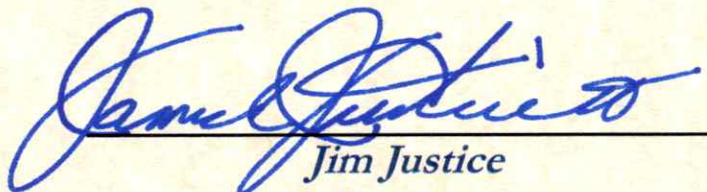
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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 Eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State