

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors – individuals and organizations – to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and
- Whereas,** Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the second to last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week”; and
- Whereas,** during this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and
- Whereas,** nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and
- Whereas,** only 41% of military family respondents to the 2023 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and
- Whereas,** a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families; and
- Whereas,** we express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning Veterans, and their families; and
- Whereas,** we encourage civilians nationwide to welcome military and Veteran families into their communities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 21 – 29, 2024* as:

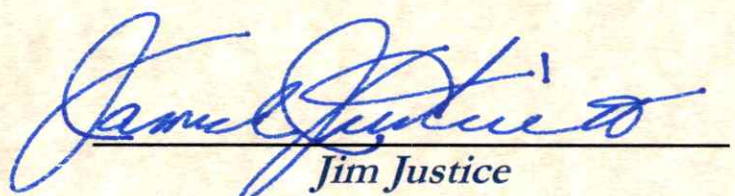
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


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




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State