

# Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** the safety of children is of the utmost importance on West Virginia roadways; and

**Whereas,** motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children ages one to thirteen in the United States; and

**Whereas,** nearly half of all child safety seats are not used properly or installed correctly; and

**Whereas,** child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers ages 1 to 4 in passenger cars; and

**Whereas,** among children under 5, car seats saved an estimated 11,606 lives since 1975; and

**Whereas,** it is extremely important for all parents and caregivers to ensure that child safety seats are installed correctly and in good working condition; and

**Whereas,** all parents and caregivers in the State of West Virginia should join with the Child Passenger Safety Program under the Governor's Highway Safety Program to promote child passenger safety through checkup events, public awareness, and education; and

**Whereas,** during the week of September 15-21, 2024, parents and caregivers should join together to focus attention on the safety of our children in vehicles on West Virginia roadways.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 15-21, 2024* as:

## *Child Passenger Safety Week* and

*Saturday, September 21, 2024* as:

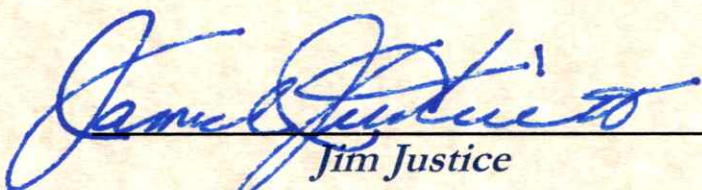
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

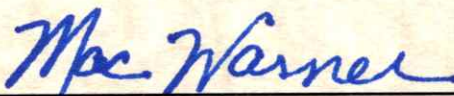
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Nineteenth Day of August, 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