

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and
- Whereas,** on average, there are 390 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and
- Whereas,** property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.4 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** an average of 2 electrically related deaths occurs in the United States daily from electrically related incidents; and
- Whereas,** following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and
- Whereas,** citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and
- Whereas,** citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground-fault circuit interrupters, arc-fault circuit interrupters and tamper resistant receptacles; and
- Whereas,** citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and
- Whereas,** the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness and advocacy.

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


### *Electrical Safety Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school, and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries, and deaths.


**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 First day of May, 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