

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the United States is recognized as the global leader in aerospace safety, efficiency, and innovation, and the State of West Virginia plays a vital role in this industry's development; and
- Whereas,** the aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to maintain this exemplary level of quality, and local leaders in West Virginia recognize the importance of this industry to our State's economic prosperity, national security, and citizen safety; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has produced several trailblazing women who have made significant contributions to aviation and aerospace, including Katherine Johnson, a mathematician whose calculations were critical to the success of NASA's early space missions, and Irene Crum, a pioneering aviator who broke the two-cylinder aircraft altitude record in the 1930s, inspiring many through her dedication and leadership; and
- Whereas,** during the last two decades, although the number of women involved in the aviation industry has steadily increased, only 16 percent of people working in the aircraft, spacecraft, and manufacturing industry are female; and
- Whereas,** it is essential to inspire and support the next generation of aviation professionals by encouraging young women to explore careers in aviation, aerospace, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines; and
- Whereas,** the Mountain State Chapter of Women in Aviation International, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of women in all aviation and aerospace careers, is committed to promoting gender diversity and inclusion within these industries; and
- Whereas,** Women in Aviation International has established Girls in Aviation Day on September 21, 2024 as an annual event to introduce young girls to the wide array of career opportunities available to them in the aviation and aerospace sectors; and
- Whereas,** the Mountain State Chapter of Women in Aviation International will host its third annual Girls in Aviation Day event on September 28, 2024, in Bridgeport, West Virginia, offering young girls the chance to explore aviation through interactive activities, connect with industry professionals, and ignite their passion in aviation and aerospace; and
- Whereas,** this day serves as an opportunity to highlight the importance of fostering diversity and inclusion in aviation and aerospace, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of gender, have the opportunity to contribute to and succeed in these fields.

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

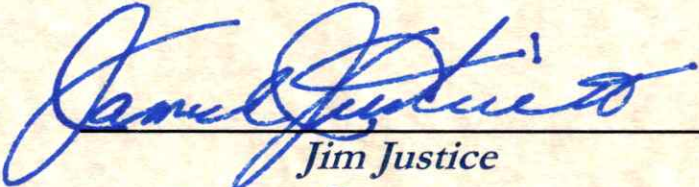
Girls in Aviation Day

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-Seventh 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