

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** this year marks the observance of International Fraud Awareness Week, which is set aside to raise awareness about the impact of fraud upon our society; and
- Whereas,** the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, an organization dedicated to the mission of reducing the incidence of fraud worldwide, estimates that a typical organization loses five percent of its revenue each year to fraud; and
- Whereas,** local, state, and federal governments are frequent targets of fraud; and
- Whereas,** instances of fraud in state government undermine the good work and reputation of all state employees who complete their assigned duties with integrity and honesty and decrease confidence in public officials; and
- Whereas,** fraud against the State of West Virginia is a burden borne by its citizens and businesses in the form of increased costs; loss of public revenues and resources; and increased expenses associated with the investigation, prosecution, and eventual incarceration of individuals who commit fraud; and
- Whereas,** tips received from employees are consistently the greatest source by which frauds are detected; and
- Whereas,** increasing employee awareness of fraud, including the magnitude of the problem, and educating employees about fraud prevention, detection, and reporting techniques, is critical for reducing the incidence of fraud against and within the West Virginia state government.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **November 17-23, 2024** as:


## *International Fraud Awareness Week*

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

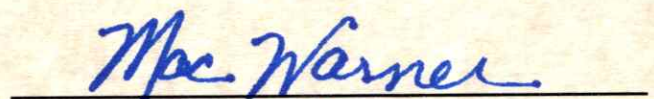
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twelfth day of November, 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