Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the National Journalism Education Association, founded in 1924, is celebrating 100 years of supporting student journalists and advisers in West Virginia and nationwide; and

Whereas, the Journalism Education Association supports free and responsible scholastic journalism by providing resources and educational opportunities, promoting professionalism, encouraging and rewarding student excellence and teacher achievement, and fostering an atmosphere that encompasses diversity yet builds unity; and

Whereas, the Journalism Education Association and advisers and student journalists in West Virginia actively support and honor the First Amendment in their student publications; and

Whereas, February 19-23, 2024, has been designated Scholastic Journalism Week throughout the country, to celebrate all things JEA and state advisers, student journalists, and publication programs.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 19-23, 2024* as:

Journalism Education Association Centennial 100 Years Celebration

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance of its 100th celebration.

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 December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.

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