

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** *Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week* is observed annually during the first full week of October to shine a light on the injustices and misuses plaguing our civil justice system; and
- Whereas,** excessive tort costs in West Virginia have resulted in significant economic impacts, including an estimated 10,737 jobs lost annually due to the burden of frivolous lawsuits; and
- Whereas,** the residents of West Virginia bear a "tort tax" of approximately \$662.35 per person per year, which drives up costs for consumers and businesses alike; and
- Whereas,** lawsuit abuse undermines job creation, burdens our civil court system, and ultimately harms workers, consumers, and local economies; and
- Whereas,** public awareness and education about the consequences of lawsuit abuse are essential to fostering a legal system grounded in common sense and fairness; and
- Whereas,** during *Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week*, we encourage all citizens to become informed about the impacts of lawsuit abuse, to engage in public discourse, and to support efforts to reform our legal system.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **October 7-11, 2024** as:

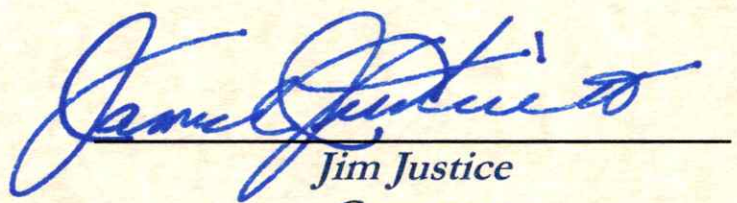
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


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 Ninth day of September, 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