

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death overall and among both men and women. The second leading cause of cancer death is prostate for men and breast for women; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia ranks 47th in the nation for rate of new lung cancer cases at 76.1 per 100,000 people, which is second worst in the nation and a 13% improvement over the past five years; and
- Whereas,** in 2021, 134,592 people died from lung cancer; 71,549 of these deaths were among men and 62,955 among women; and
- Whereas,** the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~26% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and
- Whereas,** funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and
- Whereas,** lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women, each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer and by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men; and
- Whereas,** African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality of all races, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and
- Whereas,** organizations such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in West Virginia.

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

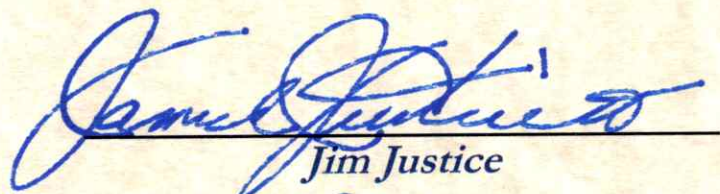
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

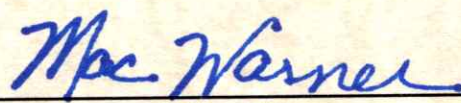
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Nineteenth 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