

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Marfan Syndrome is a life-threatening genetic connective tissues disorder that can involve multiple body systems including the heart and blood vessels, demonstrated by varying degrees of disability, pain, and muscular skeletal issues, often resulting in a lifelong series of multi-system health-related maladies; and
- Whereas,** it is estimated that 1 in 5,000 individuals worldwide are born with Marfan Syndrome regardless of race, gender, or ethnicity; and
- Whereas,** the number and severity of symptoms associated with Marfan Syndrome differ greatly among individuals even among members of the same family; and
- Whereas,** all expressions of Marfan syndrome are lifelong, incurable, and potentially debilitating. As it is a life-threatening genetic condition, timely diagnosis and treatment are essential; and
- Whereas,** Marfan Syndrome is often misunderstood, misdiagnosed, and under-diagnosed condition; and
- Whereas,** through public awareness, the Great State of West Virginia seeks to raise awareness of Marfan Syndrome to properly diagnose and treat individuals affected by this condition.

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

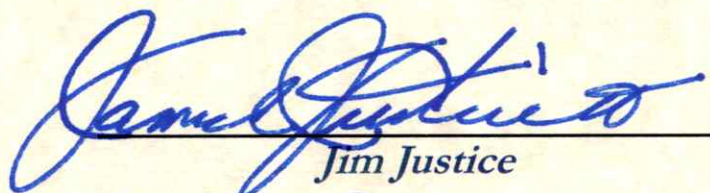
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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 Fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State