

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** hospitals support the needs of patients and their local communities; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia hospitals provide a range of services for the residents of the Mountain State and surrounding states, including acute care and specialty medical services, behavioral health, psychiatric and substance abuse treatment, rehabilitation care, pediatric care and more; and
- Whereas,** hospitals welcome nearly 16,000 newborns annually and account for 300,000 inpatient stays; 5.6 million outpatient visits; almost 900,000 emergency department visits and 32,000 outpatient surgeries; and
- Whereas,** hospitals are among the top employers in West Virginia employing nearly 53,000 people, and are the largest component of the healthcare sector, supporting \$12.5 billion in economic activity to our state's economy; and
- Whereas,** every employee is an important piece of the puzzle that makes up the remarkable hospital field in the Great State of West Virginia and contributes to the mission of providing excellent care and interacting with their patients; and
- Whereas,** *National Hospital Week* originated in 1921 and was created to promote confidence in hospitals following the Spanish Flu; and
- Whereas,** while there are many individual healthcare observances throughout the year aimed at recognizing other healthcare professionals for their important roles, including this week's *National Nurses Week*; and
- Whereas,** *National Hospital Week* gives us the opportunity to recognize all our healthcare professionals.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 12-18, 2024* as:


### *National Hospital Week*

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 Twelfth day of May 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