

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** there are an estimated 100 million Americans affected by liver disease. Most people are unaware that the risk factors for liver disease include diabetes, heart disease, and obesity; and
- Whereas,** there are many kinds of liver diseases and conditions, the most common are hepatitis viruses, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), also called metabolic dysfunction associated steatotic liver disease or MASLD, autoimmune diseases, genetic conditions, alcohol-associated liver disease, liver cancer, and others; and
- Whereas,** research estimates that fatty liver disease is present in up to 75% of overweight people and in more than 90% of people with severe obesity. MAFLD has become the most common form of childhood liver disease in the U.S., more than doubling over the past 20 years; and
- Whereas,** Metabolic dysfunction associated steatohepatitis or MASH, is a dangerously progressive form of NAFLD in which patients have inflammation of the liver and liver damage, in addition to excess fat; and
- Whereas,** MASH is expected to become the leading cause of liver transplantation in the United States by 2025. Therefore, it is critical that attention be brought to this often-overlooked health crisis; and
- Whereas,** the month of October is *National Liver Awareness Month* and The American Liver Foundation is calling on everyone to participate in raising awareness of liver disease which affects approximately 100 million Americans.

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

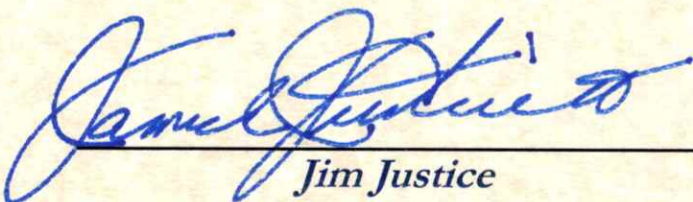
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


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 Eighth day of July, 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