

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** students are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and
- Whereas,** families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and
- Whereas,** all students have a right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and
- Whereas,** students today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and
- Whereas,** school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 120 years; and
- Whereas,** school nurses address the home and community factors (e.g. social determinants) that impact students' health; and
- Whereas,** school nurses are professional nurses who advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net for our nation's most fragile children; and
- Whereas,** school nurses act as liaisons to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and
- Whereas,** school nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and
- Whereas,** school nurses are members of school-based teams (e.g. school health services, 504/IEP, disaster/emergency planning) providing care coordination to address the school population; and
- Whereas,** school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **May 8, 2024** as:

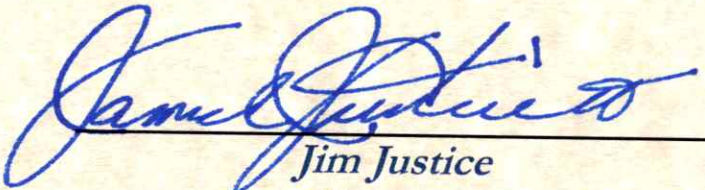
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

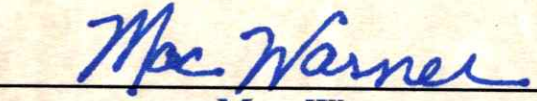
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighth day of 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