

# Proclamation

*by Governor Jim Justice*

**Whereas,** on March 26, 1953, American medical scientist, Dr. Jonas Salk, announced he had developed a vaccine against poli; and

**Whereas,** the CDC estimates the polio vaccine has prevented 20 million cases of paralysis and saved 1.5 million lives worldwide since 1988; and

**Whereas,** science has brought humanity vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, sanitation, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water, and thousands of other interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in little more than a century; and

**Whereas,** people have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort, and enhanced prosperity due to the benefits of science; and

**Whereas,** the State of West Virginia invites residents to show their appreciation for our workers in the fields of research, technology, science education.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 26, 2024* as:


## *National Science Appreciation Day*

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

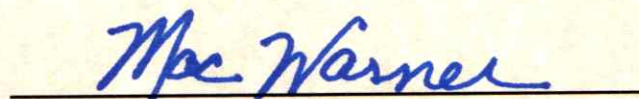
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eleventh day of March, 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