

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** 64 million American adults and children are diagnosed with a disability and 4.7 million veterans have a service-related injury; and
- Whereas,** there are 16,000 service dogs from accredited programs in the United States; and
- Whereas,** in 1975, Canine Companions created the concept of “service dogs” to assist people with physical disabilities; and
- Whereas,** Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships; and
- Whereas,** service dogs empower people with disabilities to lead a life with greater independence; and
- Whereas,** Canine Companions believes in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and the inclusivity of all citizens; and
- Whereas,** *National Service Dog Month* aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them; and
- Whereas,** *National Service Dog Month* is a month-long celebration honoring the hard work and life-changing impact service dogs make on people with disabilities every day.

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

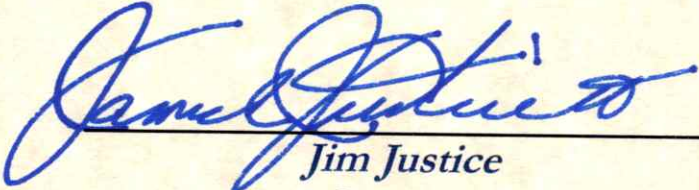
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


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 Twenty-Fifth day of June, 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