

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the vending and convenience services industry in West Virginia generates an economic impact of more than \$428 million and \$107 million in wages; and
- Whereas,** the vending and convenience services industry has expanded in recent decades to include a wide array of convenience services and refreshments and has recently launched a national public health commitment ; and
- Whereas,** vending and convenience services use cutting edge technology to deliver innovative options to consumers and during the COVID-19 pandemic, vending and convenience services served as an essential industry, providing food and beverages to fuel first responders and other critical industries; and
- Whereas,** the industry has committed to increase the percentage of healthier food and beverage options in the nation's vending machines to 33 percent; and
- Whereas,** the industry stands uniquely equipped to service food deserts and underserved communities throughout the nation through its supply chain, commissary and unique "last-foot" distribution expertise ; and
- Whereas,** The National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) has designated March 7, 2024 as "*National Vending Day*"; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is proud of all the business owners who own vending companies.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 7, 2024* as:

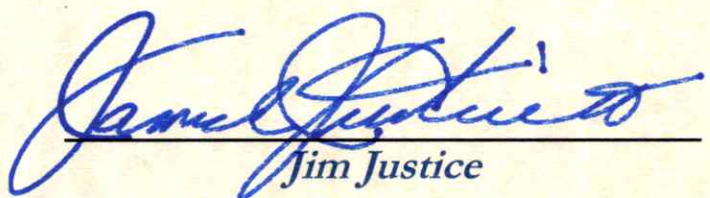
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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 Twenty-First day of February, 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