

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths of women in the United States and causes more deaths than any other gynecologic cancer; and
- Whereas,** in the United States, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about 1 in 78; and
- Whereas,** women with a family history of breast, ovarian or colon cancer, genetic mutations, post-menopausal women and the increased age of women have a higher risk of developing ovarian cancer; and
- Whereas,** the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is 50 percent and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis; and
- Whereas,** a woman's lifetime risk of developing invasive ovarian cancer is 1 in 78 and a woman's lifetime risk of dying from invasive ovarian cancer is 1 in 108; and
- Whereas,** currently there is no early detection for ovarian cancer – a PAP smear does not detect the cancer; and
- Whereas,** most ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed when the disease is advanced and only 15% of cases are diagnosed in the early stages; and
- Whereas,** it is critical to anyone affected by ovarian cancer to have the proper healthcare to prevent, detect, treat, and defeat ovarian cancer; and
- Whereas,** the American Cancer Society estimates 19,680 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2024 and 12,740 individuals will die from the disease nationwide.

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

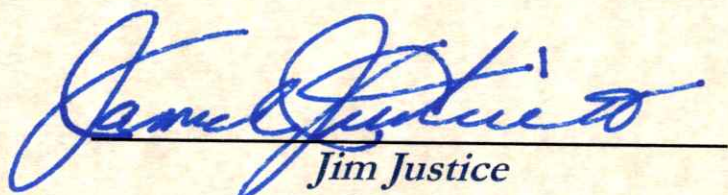
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

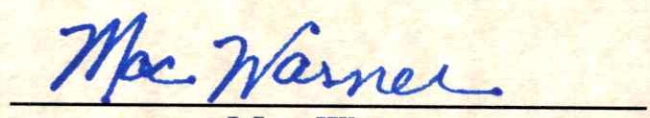
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Seventh day of August, 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