

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** in 2024, an estimated 66, 440 will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, which equates to 181 people every single day; and
- Whereas,** pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is currently the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is predicted to become the second leading cause by the year 2030; and
- Whereas,** when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 87 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and
- Whereas,** approximately 350 deaths due to pancreatic cancer will occur in West Virginia in 2024; and
- Whereas,** this is the same disease which claimed the life of former West Virginia Governor William Marland, actor Patrick Swayze, Super Bowl MVP Harvey Martin, and the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin; and
- Whereas,** pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death across the world; and
- Whereas,** the good health and well-being of the residents of the Great State of West Virginia are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the symptoms of the risk factors of pancreatic cancer, and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

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

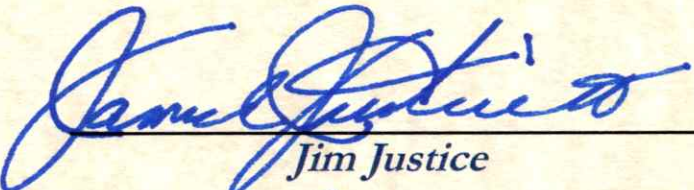
### *Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month*

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 Eighteenth day of October, 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