

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** SCN2A-related disorders are a leading single-gene cause of childhood epilepsy, intellectual disability, and autism spectrum disorder; and
- Whereas,** in addition to seizures and autism, SCN2A-related disorders are also associated with a spectrum of symptoms ranging from severe, life-threatening conditions to developmental delays. These include sleep disturbances, GI dysfunction, movement disorders, pain, and dysautonomia; and
- Whereas,** it is predicted that approximately 1 out of 9,000 will be diagnosed with SCN2A-related disorder; and
- Whereas,** SCN2A is a powerful research model that can lead to discoveries that treat ALL children with autism spectrum disorder; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is leading the way for SCN2A research, including the discovery of how the dysfunction of SCN2A results in autism spectrum disorder; and
- Whereas,** although SCN2A-related disorders can be easily identified by DNA testing, SCN2A-related disorders frequently goes undetected due to the lack of awareness about the syndrome, even within the medical community.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 24, 2024* as:

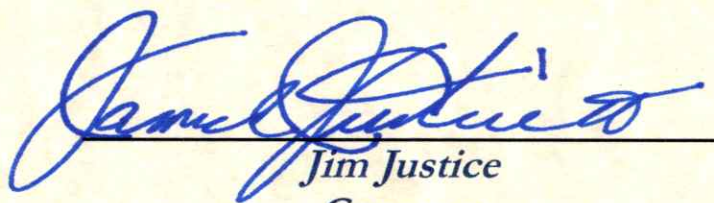
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

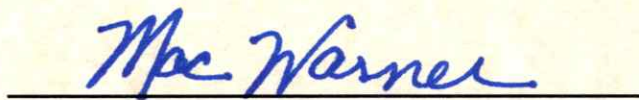
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fourth day of January, 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