

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and
- Whereas,** sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes the lives of 350,000 adults and 6,800 children; and
- Whereas,** sepsis is the #1 cost of hospitalization in the United States at \$62 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** sepsis survivors are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life; and
- Whereas,** despite the dangers of sepsis, only 15% of U.S. adults can identify symptoms. These can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME": "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and
- Whereas,** awareness of the signs along with rapid diagnosis and treatment can save lives and improve outcomes for survivors.

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

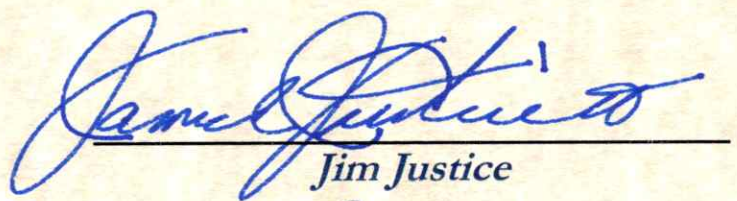
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

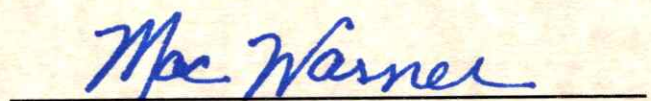
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of September, 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