

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** during the month of March, *Trisomy Awareness Month* is observed to encourage citizens to increase their awareness of Trisomy, a genetic disorder that deeply affects families; and
- Whereas,** trisomy is the presence within a person's cells of a single extra chromosome, yielding a total of three chromosomes instead of a pair; and
- Whereas,** as a type of aneuploidy, trisomy can occur with any of the 23 pairs of chromosomes individuals have; and
- Whereas,** the most common trisomies in newborns are Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome), Trisomy 18 (Edwards Syndrome), and Trisomy 13 (Patau Syndrome); and
- Whereas,** local support groups, medical professionals, and online communities offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children; and
- Whereas,** now is the time for all West Virginians to educate themselves on all forms of trisomy, support families currently experiencing trisomy, and participate in helping people with developmental disabilities achieve their full potential.

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

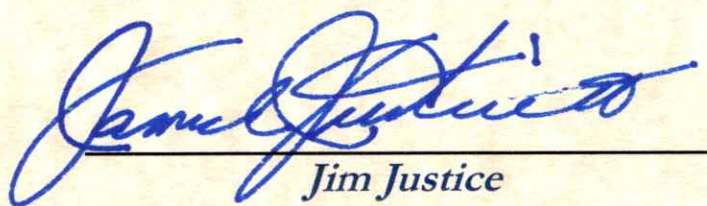
## *Trisomy Awareness Month*

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 Twelfth 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