

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is a leader in supporting highway-rail grade crossing and pedestrian safety programs; and
- Whereas,** highway-rail grade crossing crashes during 2023 resulted in seven fatalities and six serious injuries in the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** pedestrian/railroad incidents on railroad property during 2023 resulted in seven persons killed and another nine seriously injured in the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** highway grade crossings are more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and injury; and
- Whereas,** collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians could have been prevented by increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and around railroad property and the appropriate safety laws; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia Operation Lifesaver is the foremost public information and education program dedicated to preventing highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents; and
- Whereas,** during September 23 – 29, 2024, and throughout the year, all citizens are encouraged to observe added caution as motorists and pedestrians near tracks or trains; and
- Whereas,** this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents during this week and throughout the year.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **September 23-29, 2024** as:

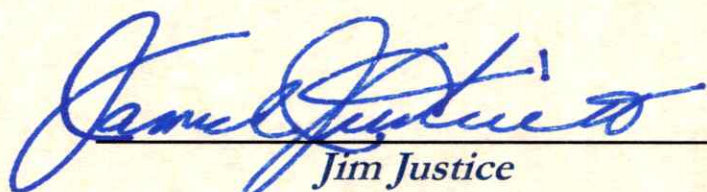
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.


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 Third 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