

# Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** the Buddy Walk is an event first organized by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995 to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October and to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome; and

**Whereas,** the walk includes a day of entertainment, food, games, music, and activities for all ages and abilities; and

**Whereas,** this is the largest fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Network of West Virginia, providing them with the means to perform their core mission: to enhance the lives of people with Down Syndrome; and

**Whereas,** this is done by, among other things, providing support to new and expectant families, assisting with resources for a variety of needs, and educating medical professionals about sharing up-to-date information about Down Syndrome and delivering a diagnosis in a compassionate manner; and

**Whereas,** the Down Syndrome Network of West Virginia is growing and expanding, especially with their outreach initiatives, which include providing classroom kits for teachers and parents to help teach students of all ages about Down Syndrome and working to establish partnerships with medical practitioners across the State; and

**Whereas,** the Down Syndrome Network of West Virginia invites you to be a part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Buddy Walk on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the West Virginia State Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 21, 2024* as:


## *Down Syndrome Network of West Virginia Buddy Walk Day*

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 Thirteenth 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