## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, West Virginia's professional nurses meet the healthcare needs of West Virginia's citizens in a wide range of settings; and

Whereas, professional nursing is a crucial component in the safety and quality of care of healthcare patients; and

Whereas, West Virginia's professional nurses have been on the frontlines in hospitals and nursing homes fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and working countless hours; and

Whereas, the demand for professional nursing services is and will be greater than ever because of the aging American population and the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies; and

Whereas, more professional nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in our communities and our institutions; and

Whereas, the cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by professional nurses will always be an important component of West Virginia's health care delivery system in the future; and

Whereas, today we celebrate the hard work, commitment, and caring hearts of all professional nurses across the State of West Virginia and we thank them for their service every day, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May* 6, 2020 as:

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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 Sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.



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By the Governor:

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Secretary of State