Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Americans are a peace-loving people who appreciate that the freedoms we enjoy have been won and defended by our military veterans throughout our history as a nation; and

Whereas, Veterans Day has its origins in the November 11, 1918, armistice which brought World War I to a conclusion; and

Whereas, the Allied victory in World War I affirmed the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes; and

Whereas, the people of the United States, through their elected representatives, caused the designation of November 11 to be recognized as a legal holiday; and

Whereas, in 1954, November 11 officially became known as Veterans Day and continues to be celebrated and commemorated with solemn observances in honor of all Americans who have served their country in times of war and conflict; and

Whereas, the courage, honor, sacrifice and dedication the veterans of the United States armed forces have displayed in the cause of justice, freedom and democracy are most worthy of recognition; and

Whereas, on November 11, 1995, the West Virginia Veterans Memorial on the Capitol grounds was unveiled as the most meaningful, most permanent and most prominent tribute ever offered in our State's history in honor of courageous individuals who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 11, 2020* as:

Veterans Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to display the United States Flag, show their appreciation and honor the service and sacrifices of all West Virginia veterans, both living and dead.

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



John Justice
Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State