Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, West Virginia values are built upon a steadfast and abiding belief in God; and

Whereas, prayer has sustained our state throughout many years, and we have survived through many trials and tribulations because of it; and

Whereas, West Virginia is in a time of great need; West Virginians may not feel able to attend their normal house of prayer, because the worry of the coronavirus pandemic; and

Whereas, we must ask God for comfort, strength, and wisdom for all those who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic; and

Whereas, leaders and citizens of our nation and great state are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

Whereas, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection, and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

Whereas, we specifically thank God for those who are on the front lines of the pandemic working day and night to combat this pandemic and ask for peace throughout our state, nation, and world.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *December 23, 2021* as a:

Day of Prayer and Hope

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 Twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.



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By the Governor:

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Secretary of State