Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, The State Use Program was established in 1984 to serve the state of West Virginia and our statewide disability community; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Association for Rehabilitation Facilities in partnership with West Virginia Association for Disability Employment, work toward our collective mission of giving every individual with a disability the opportunity to have gainful employment; and

Whereas, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, contribute to society, and fully experience economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of society; and

Whereas, family members, friends, and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of the people with disabilities, especially when provided with necessary support services, and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and

Whereas, the goal of our programs is to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed decisions; pursue meaningful productive lives; contribute to their family and community, state, and nation; have interdependent relationships with other to achieve full inclusion in society; and

Whereas, we acknowledge and appreciate the contribution that workers with disabilities make to the safe and efficient operation of government for the state of West Virginia through the State Use Program.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2, 2022* as:

Disability Employment - State Use Program Day

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

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