## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, on March 26, 1953, American medical scientist, Dr. Jonas Salk, announced he had developed a vaccine against poli; and

Whereas, the CDC estimates the polio vaccine has prevented 13 million cases of paralysis and saved 650,000 lives worldwide since 1988; and

Whereas, science has brought humanity vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, sanitation, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water, and thousands of other interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in little more than a century; and

Whereas, people have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort, and enhanced prosperity due to the benefits of science; and

Whereas, the State of West Virginia invites residents to show their appreciation for our workers in the fields of research, technology, science education; and

Whereas, residents are encouraged to reflect on and share how science advances have bettered their lives and those of their loved ones.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 26, 2022* as:

## National Science Appreciation 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 First day of March, 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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Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State