Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the year 2022 marks the 150° anniversary of Glenville State University's founding in West Virginia; and

Whereas, this year also marks the first ever National Championship appearance for the Glenville State University Lady Pioneers basketball team; and

Whereas, Coach Kim Stephens has been the head coach of the Lady Pioneers for six seasons, and she was named D-II Women's Basketball National Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, the Lady Pioneers' dominant season includes their first national ranking, best record in school history at 34-1, their first trip to the National Championship, and now a National Championship; and

Whereas, after defeating Grand Valley State, 77-53, the Glenville State University women's basketball team earned a spot on the NCAA Division II championship in Birmingham, Alabama; and

Whereas, Coach Kim Stephens led the Lady Pioneers to defeat Western Washington 85-72 in the National Championship, which closed their season out 35-1, winning the title before a national television audience on the CBS Sports Network; and

Whereas, the Glenville State Lady Pioneers are to be applauded for their commitment, as well as their diligence and hard work leading to such an amazing accomplishment; and

Whereas, the Lady Pioneers represent unwavering drive and determination, hallmarks of the true Mountaineer spirit.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2022 as:

Glenville State University Lady Pioneers Basketball 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 Sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State