

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** substance use and mental health problems affect all communities nationwide. An estimated 59.3 million Americans ages 12 and older used illicit drugs in the past year; an estimated 28.3 million people ages 12 and older in America were classified as having alcohol use disorder in the past year; about 52.9 million adults had a mental illness; and

**Whereas,** the need for public education that promotes prevention year-round by providing ideas, capacity building, tools and resources to help individuals and communities make substance use prevention happen every day; and

**Whereas,** it is appropriate that a week should be set apart each year for communities to come together to celebrate their successes and advocate for prevention; and

**Whereas,** through *National Prevention Week*, people may become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use disorders. Equally important, community members from all walks of life learn how they can help build community, strengthen resilience, and create hope to keep those around them – and themselves – healthy and safe.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 8-14, 2022* as:


### *National Prevention Week*

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



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

**By the Governor:**

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State