## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, helps provide the foundation of our State; and

Whereas, West Virginia has the third largest percentage of population of elder adults in the United States. There are currently 144 adults in Adult Family Care placement who have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities and cannot care for themselves; and

Whereas, these individuals are being provided with a compassionate, safe, secure, and stable family environment in Adult Family Care Homes; and

Whereas, Adult Family Care Providers, who open their homes and offer help to these incapacitated adults, play a vital role helping adults remain in a family environment, while assuring them as much independence as possible; and

Whereas, dedicated Adult Family Care Providers frequently care for these special individuals throughout their lifetime, until they are capable of living on their own, or until they have needs that can no longer be met in the Adult Family Care Provider's home; and

Whereas, there are increasing numbers of individuals who qualify for Adult Family Care and numerous individuals, public, and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of these adults as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of Adult Family Care Providers to the lives of the citizens of West Virginia.

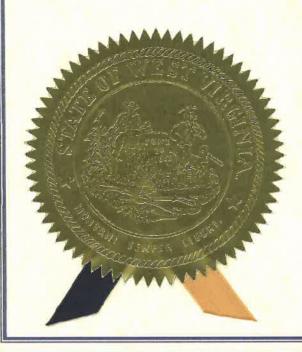
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as:

## Adult Family Care Month

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 Seventeenth day of August, 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