Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, pregnancy and infant loss affects one in four families and approximately one million pregnancies in the United States ends in miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death; and

Whereas, it is a tragedy to lose a child at any gestation of pregnancy or age; and

Whereas, observing a month of remembrance for pregnancy and infant loss will provide some comfort for those suffering a loss due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death; and

Whereas, recognition of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance & Awareness Month will encourage our community to support bereaved families, while raising awareness about this silent subject; and

Whereas, West Virginians are encouraged to recognize support groups and community organizations that provide assistance to those suffering a pregnancy or infant loss; and

Whereas, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance & Awareness Month should be recognized as a month to remember the lives that have been lost too soon and the families that mourn that loss.

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

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance & Awareness 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 Second day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.

Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State