## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the State of West Virginia recognizes and values the nursing profession and all that nurses do to improve the health of our citizens; and

Whereas, over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, our nurses have worked tirelessly to ensure the health and safety of all West Virginians; and

Whereas, the State of West Virginia has directed significant resources to build a resilient network of nurses in this State over the coming years, to include financial resources and expeditious education and training opportunities; and

Whereas, the State of West Virginia values the dedication of nurses to their profession, and seeks to further their dedication to the profession and to this state by encouraging entrepreneurship and additional opportunities to nurses throughout the State; and

Whereas, small businesses are the backbone of West Virginia's economy; and

Whereas, small businesses keep our communities, this State, and this Nation's economies vibrant; and

Whereas, there are over 100 registered nurse-owned businesses in the state of West Virginia, each improving access to nursing care, creating jobs, and generating positive economic activity in this State; and

Whereas, the Center for Nurse Entrepreneurship will soon open and serve as a foundation and resource for nurse entrepreneurship across this State; and

Whereas, the opening of this Center is a cause to be celebrated, and the intent of the Center a goal to be encouraged, enabling nurses to improve their communities, their livelihoods, and the health and wellness of all West Virginians through entrepreneurship.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **September 24, 2022** as:

## the opening of The Center for Nurse Entrepreneurship

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 Fourteenth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth Year of the State.



Jim Justice Governor

> Mac Warner Secretary of State