## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, quality, cost-effective, and accessible patient-centered healthcare, provided by PAs (physician assistants/physician associates) contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all patients of West Virginia; and

Whereas, PAs are rigorously educated and trained healthcare professionals who practice medicine in every specialty and setting and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider; and

Whereas, PAs are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping them understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for their own health; and

Whereas, PAs, a valuable asset to the medical team, enhance the delivery of high-quality healthcare for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

Whereas, PAs have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's health and for their commitment to team-based care and ensure delivery of effective and efficient healthcare services.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 6-12, 2022* as:

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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance to recognize PAs for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare as a critical part of the healthcare team.

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 Twentieth 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

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State