

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Hydrocephalus is the buildup of fluid in the cavities (ventricles) deep within the brain; the excess fluid increases the size of the ventricles and puts pressure on the brain, caused most often by an obstruction preventing proper fluid drainage; and
- Whereas,** the pressure of too much cerebrospinal fluid associated with hydrocephalus can damage brain tissues and cause a large spectrum of impairments in brain function; and
- Whereas,** Hydrocephalus may cause head enlargement, blurred vision or blindness, seizures, impaired physical development, learning disabilities, progressive irreversible damage to the nerve cells in the brain and event death; and
- Whereas,** the medical community reports about one-of-every 500 children born with this incurable condition but it can occur at any age, and affects an estimated 1,000,000 people in the United States; and
- Whereas,** the United States Congress passed a Resolution in 2009 designating the month of September as *National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month*; and
- Whereas,** Representatives from the National Hydrocephalus Foundation, in conjunction with leaders from the professional community and medical-based organizations and associations, are dedicated to increasing public awareness of hydrocephalus and the needs of families parenting children diagnosed with Hydrocephalus.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of *September 29, 2023* as:

## *Hydrocephalus Awareness Day*

and proclaim *September 2023* as:

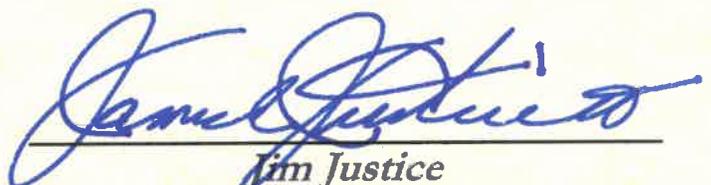
## *Hydrocephalus Awareness Month*

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 Twenty-Ninth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.



  
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Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
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Secretary of State