Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, democratically owned and operated and founded by people working together toward economic advancement; and

Whereas, credit unions embrace a "people-helping-people" philosophy through the pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, empowering members to improve their financial futures and uniting to help those in need; and

Whereas, credit unions have demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the communities in which they have served since they were founded more than 150 years ago; and

Whereas, credit unions have championed the idea that people from all walks of life should have access to affordable financial services offered by credit unions; and

Whereas, credit unions empower people to improve their economic situations in 118 nations around the world at more than 87,000 credit unions that serve the financial needs of 393 million members, including 376,000, in West Virginia associated through local, state, regional and international organizations sharing the same commitment to serving credit union members; and

Whereas, credit unions are cultivating strong alliances that make financial democracy possible in many countries throughout the world.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 19, 2023* as:

International Credit Union Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in 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 Sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.

STATION SENSES

Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State