Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Lissencephaly is a rare gene-linked brain malformation, causing the brain to have less or no ridges and folds; making it appear smooth; and

Whereas, it is estimated about 1 in 100,000 individuals are born with this condition; and

Whereas, people living with this condition may also suffer from hypertonia, epilepsy, swallowing disorders, developmental delays, and more; and

Whereas, addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families

successfully care for their children at home; and

Whereas, the need for more education, awareness and support for families is desperately needed; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that one day each year should be set apart from the rest and be known as Lissencephaly Awareness Day, this day shall be on September 8th; and

Whereas, Lissencephaly Foundation Inc; a nonprofit charitable organization wants to help support these individuals through our continued efforts of empowering families and educating

communities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 8, 2023* as:

Lissencephaly Awareness Day

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



Jim Justice

Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State