

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** each year in the United States fraud costs Medicare an estimated \$60 billion per year; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services is working to bring awareness to West Virginia citizens to help prevent their loved ones from falling victim to Medicare fraud; and
- Whereas,** Medicare fraud costs Medicare beneficiaries in time, stress, their medical histories and potentially their health; and
- Whereas,** everyone plays a part in the fight against fraud; Medicare beneficiaries can monitor their insurance statements to make sure products and services received match what is on the statements; caregivers can remind their client or loved one to never give out their Medicare number or other personal information over the phone; families can help by talking to their loved ones about protecting their Medicare number just as they would a credit card number; health care providers can help by talking to patients about health care-related scams such as those related to durable medical equipment and genetic testing schemes; and community members can help by looking out for older neighbors; and
- Whereas,** The West Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is ready to provide you with the information you need to PROTECT yourself from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse; DETECT potential fraud, errors, and abuse; and REPORT your concerns. SMP helps educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries in the fight against health care fraud. Your SMP can help you with your questions, concerns, or complaints about potential fraud and abuse issues; and
- Whereas,** *Medicare Fraud Prevention Week* observance starts on June 5, or “6-5,” because most people become eligible for Medicare when they turn 65 years old.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 5-11, 2023* as:

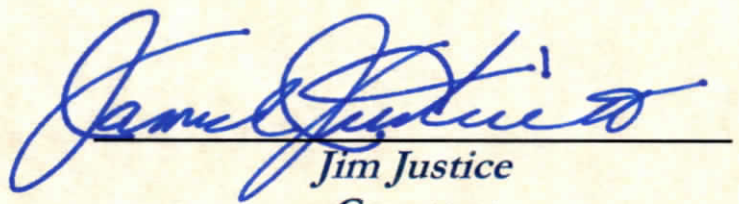
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

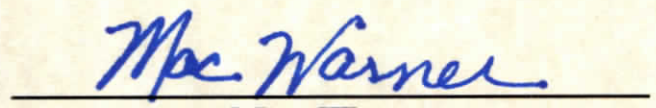
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State