Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, August 14, 2023, marks the fourth anniversary of Military Marriage Day; and

Whereas, the Great State of West Virginia joins partners across the state in recognizing Military Marriage Day celebrating the strength of military marriages that are so important to the

strength and readiness of our force; and

Whereas, the impact of divorce during military service is disruptive to the well-being of the service member, sends ripples that fracture service families, hinders the mission, and causes

financial strain and stress to an already challenging lifestyle; and

Whereas, Military Marriage Day aims to celebrate and reaffirm the importance of strong military marriages and families; and

Whereas, by supporting *Military Marriage Day*, West Virginia hopes to bring focus to the importance of strong military marriages that fosters greater well-being and mission readiness; and

Whereas, West Virginia is proud to support *Military Marriage Day* and urges local units of government throughout the State to raise awareness of the need to strengthen and support military marriages.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim August 14, 2023 as:

Military Marriage Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance to recognize and honor the married service members in our community.

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