## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, children are essential to West Virginia's bright future and are its most precious resource; and

Whereas, thousands of parents place their children in the hands of child care providers daily in ever-increasing numbers; and

Whereas, increasing participation of women in the work force will continue to grow the demand for child care; and

Whereas, quality child care providers furnish a good beginning for a child's sound growth and development; and

Whereas, meeting the needs of young children and their families strengthens society and makes an investment in our nation's future; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "Early Years Are Learning Years," celebrates early learning, young children, their teachers, and families, and

Whereas, it is fitting to set aside a time to honor child care providers and recognize the importance of quality child care.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 1-7, 2023* as:

## The Week of the Young Child

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 Fourteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



Jim Justice

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State