Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the State of West Virginia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

Whereas, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and

Whereas, one blood donation can help save more than one life, and although most of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, only about 3% actually do; and

Whereas, West Virginia is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, BioLife, CSL Plasma Donation Center, the Dr. Daliah Show and many more; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 4, 2023* as:

West Virginia Blood Donation Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance to support our local blood drives as saving lives and protecting citizens is our primary goal.

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