

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a rare genetic disorder that is characterized by excessive loss of phosphate, that can lead to serious and debilitating effects on patients' bones, teeth, joints, muscles, hearing, and nervous system; and
- Whereas,** XLH affects about one in 20,000 newborns worldwide according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and
- Whereas,** affected patients and their families often encounter a variety of problems outside the illness itself, such as difficulty in obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options, and being able to afford the appropriate treatment; and
- Whereas,** while XLH is not a curable disease, dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that a cure will be found one day; and
- Whereas,** Educational programs must be public and constant so that new parents and health providers can be exposed to the most up-to-date information; and
- Whereas,** The XLH Network Inc, is a non-profit organization in support of caregivers and patients affected by XLH.

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

XLH Awareness Month

hereby proclaim *June 23, 2023* as:

XLH 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 Eighth 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