Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, there are over 40,000 Nurses in the Great State of West Virginia; and

Whereas, Nurses make a significant contribution of time, energy, heart, and care toward the healing of our residents who are ill and suffering; and

Whereas, Nurses are powerful advocates for the health and well-being of all West Virginians, providing education, screening, nursing intervention, evaluation, and research to improve the health of West Virginia residents throughout the life span from pre-birth to the end of life; and

Whereas, Nurses meet the health needs of West Virginians not only in hospitals and long-term care facilities but conveniently in their homes, at school, at work, at church, in community health centers, on the phone and on the internet; and

Whereas, the Institute of Medicine recognizes Nurses as key to solving our current rising cost of chronic illness through their expanding leadership as coordinators and collaborators of interdisciplinary healthcare teams; and

Whereas, the expanding roles of advanced practice Registered Nurses as Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and certified Nurse Practitioners in a variety of specialties provide improved cost-effective access to health services in Our rural State; and

Whereas, the American population has voted to acknowledge Nurses as the Most Trusted Profession for twenty-three consecutive years.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 26, 2024* as:

Nurses' Day at the Legislature

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in 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 Third day of November, 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