Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, service is a hallmark of American character and has the unique ability to bring people of all backgrounds together in common cause, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our most pressing challenges of the day by volunteering in their communities; and

Whereas,
AmeriCorps Seniors programs provide opportunities for more than 200,000 Americans to serve their country through service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country; and

Whereas, in the State of West Virginia, approximately 1500 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers ages 55 to 95 with various backgrounds, help to meet local needs at more that 150 locations throughout West Virginia by facilitating independent living, encouraging and promoting lifelong learning, delivering services to nurture emotional/social well-being, to improve public safety through volunteer service and education, and to promote healthy lifestyles; and

Whereas,
AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business, foundation, and other local partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

Whereas,

AmeriCorps Seniors programs bring people together across race, age, and zip codes to address critical issues facing the country, forge relationships and cultivate mutual respect, and help build resilient and thriving communities; and

Whereas,

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

Whereas, through their service, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and West Virginia as a whole; and

Whereas, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, AmeriCorps Seniors Day is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of our past and present AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers and their community partners, and to encourage more West Virginians to follow their footsteps in service.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2024 as:

AmeriCorps Seniors Day

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 sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.

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By the Governor:

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