## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the Blue Ridge Mountain Volunteer Fire Company began operating on July 30th, 1974; it was organized by a group of concerned citizens that seen the need for fire protection in the Blue Ridge Mountain community of Jefferson County; and

Whereas, we take great pleasure in recognizing those honorable institutions that exist to serve and protect the citizens of this State; and

Whereas, one such venerable entity is the Blue Ridge Mountain Volunteer Fire Company, which will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding this year; and

Whereas, the Blue Ridge Mountain Volunteer Fire Company today, operates from two fire stations, one at 181 Keyes Gap Road and one at 100 Mission Road in Harpers Ferry, and is currently led by Fire Chief Earl Cogle, Jr; and

Whereas, for fifty years, the members of the Blue Ridge Mountain Volunteer Fire Company have voluntarily risked their lives protecting the residents of the Blue Ridge Mountain and Jefferson County from fires, storms, natural disasters, man-made disasters, and medical emergencies while upholding the finest tenets and traditions of the fire company.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *July 30, 2024* as:

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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 Twenty-Fifth day of June, 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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Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

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Secretary of State