Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, ongoing cleaning, disinfecting, and infection-prevention best practices are essential to promoting human health, and workplace cleanliness enhances employee productivity and customer satisfaction; and

Whereas, cleanliness reduces instances of absenteeism that negatively impact productivity--the 2016 flu season cost U.S. businesses an estimated \$5.8 billion in healthcare and lost productivity expenses; and

Whereas, according to ISSA, the world's leading trade association for the cleaning industry, cleaned and disinfected surfaces reduce virus concentration by 41.7%. When combined with hand hygiene, this increases to 85.4%; and

Whereas, manufacturers and distributors produce and deliver crucial cleaning and hygiene products; and

Whereas, essential frontline cleaning professionals work tirelessly to keep our schools, hospitals, workplaces, and other spaces healthy and safe for us all; and

Whereas, citizens of the Great State of West Virginia proudly support and join in this international celebration of the cleaning industry, and bring attention to the importance of ensuring clean and sanitary conditions at work, in schools, and at home; now

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 24-30, 2024* as:

Cleaning Week in West Virginia

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 Eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.



Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State