

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** as many as 33 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

**Whereas,** research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and

**Whereas,** nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame; symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and

**Whereas,** anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

**Whereas,** every 10 seconds, food allergy sends a patient to the emergency room. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

**Whereas,** emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377 percent in only a decade and childhood food allergies cost U.S. families \$25 billion each year; and

**Whereas,** FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 12-18, 2024* as:

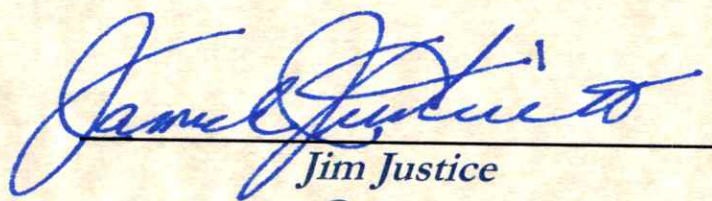
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

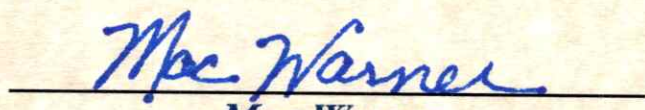
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twelfth day of May, 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