Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, every year during the first full week of May, Goodwill organizations across the United States celebrate *Goodwill Industries Week* to highlight the Goodwill mission of transforming lives through the power of work; and

Whereas, throughout the week, local Goodwill organizations will host events like job fairs, tours of career centers, awards ceremonies, retail store promotions, and other donor and customer appreciation events; and

Whereas, Goodwill serves anyone facing challenges to finding employment, including people with disabilities and disadvantages, older workers, youth, veterans and military families, and people reintegrating back into society from the justice system; and

Whereas, Goodwill helps anyone, regardless of educational level or economic background, reach their full potential through learning and the power of work; and

Whereas, Goodwill sells donated items in more than 3,300 stores in the United States and online where the revenue creates job placement and training programs to help people earn paychecks and build their careers; and

Whereas, eighty-seven cents of every dollar a consumer spends at Goodwill goes back into local communities to help people build careers of significance and lives of meaning.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 5-11, 2024* as:

Goodwill Industries Week

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 Fifth 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