Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, debilitating, non-contagious, inflammatory skin condition for which there is no cure; and

Whereas, outbreaks of HS are painful and may persist for years with interspersed periods of inflammation; and

Whereas, when all stages of the disease are considered, it is estimated 1%-4% of the world's population is affected by HS and experience an average delay of seven years for a proper diagnosis; and

Whereas, patients with HS often endure a severely diminished quality of life; and

Whereas, understanding and compassion for those with HS from family, friends, medical providers and the public at large is vital; and

Whereas, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions and recognize the struggles of those affected, and shorten the delay in diagnosis and treatment.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 2-8, 2024* as:

Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness 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 Third day of July, 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