Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder causing tumors to form on the nervous system, affecting individuals of all ages and backgrounds; and

Whereas, Neurofibromatosis affects 1 in every 3,000 people, making it one of the most common genetic disorders; and

Whereas, raising awareness about Neurofibromatosis is crucial for improving early diagnosis, supporting affected individuals and families; and

Whereas, Neurofibromatosis can lead to various complications, including learning disabilities, bone deformities, vision and hearing loss, chronic pain, and in some cases, cancer; and

Whereas, continued research and medical advancements are essential for improved diagnostic methods, innovative treatments, and, ultimately, a cure, thereby enhancing the quality of life for individuals affected by Neurofibromatosis; and

Whereas, the courage, resilience, and strength shown by individuals living with neurofibromatosis, along with the dedication and compassion of their families, caregivers, and medical professionals, deserve recognition and support from our community; and

Whereas, initiatives like "Make Neurofibromatosis Visible Day" play a vital role in spreading awareness, educating the public, and fostering a supportive environment for those impacted by the disorder; and

Whereas, early detection and intervention are critical in managing neurofibromatosis and its associated symptoms, including chronic pain, café-au-lait spots, and neurofibromas, as timely medical attention can significantly mitigate complications and improve patient outcomes; and

Whereas, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the organizations, researchers, and advocates dedicated to advancing knowledge and support for Neurofibromatosis, whose tireless efforts in raising awareness make a profound difference in the lives of individuals an families affected by Neurofibromatosis.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **November 6, 2024** as:

Make Neurofibromatosis Visible Day

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 Sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.

Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State