Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the strength of our nation's armed forces comes not just from the brave men and women who serve, but also from their families, who serve alongside them; and

Whereas, the Mountain State is home to military spouses who are strong and resilient partners dedicated to duty and service; and

Whereas, military spouses step up every day to shoulder the unique burdens that come with military life; and

Whereas, though most do not wear a uniform themselves, military spouses serve and strengthen our Nation every day — providing our brave troops with support, comfort, and love; and

Whereas, these wives, husbands, and partners continue to make significant contributions to family, schools, communities, the nation and our Mountain State, despite prolonged deployments and repeated absences of the service member; and

Whereas, while navigating the many demands of life in a military family, spouses remain strong, caring, and resourceful — representing the very best of who we are as Americans; and

Whereas, the citizens of West Virginia wish to recognize and honor military spouses, past and present, and pay tribute to the sacrifices these families make to guard our freedoms.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 3, 2024* as:

Military Spouse Appreciation 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 Third 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