Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, as we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we should recognize that we live in a great nation characterized by cultural and geographic diversity and uniquely bound by our common heritage and history; and

Whereas, the preservation and understanding our American Heritage are intrinsic values that will serve us throughout our lives, bind us together, and allow us to better understand the foundation of our country; and

Whereas, our citizen leaders should envision a future where educational and service organizations of all manner support the education of our youth in the fields of American history, education, law, political sciences, and other related fields; and

Whereas, patriotic education for students can help raise awareness of the important events, significant person, and philosophical bases of the American Revolutionary period, the Constitution, and the approaching the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and

Whereas, a National American History Month effort will aid in discovery, collection, and preservation of historical records, documents, monuments, and structures that help us understand the history of the first Colonists and their descendants.

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

National American History and Founders Month

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

TOIL SENSE STATES

Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State