Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the West Virginia Poison Center offers immediate, life-saving treatment for poison emergencies by trained healthcare professionals, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Poison Center has developed specialized educational programs and materials to address poisoning of infants, children, adolescents, adults, seniors, and even our pet population; and

Whereas, all West Virginians should be made aware of the services provided by the West Virginia Poison Center because these services help prevent poisonings, save lives, and reduce healthcare costs; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Poison Center is prepared for all types of poisonings including chemical exposures, toxic gas exposures, drug overdoses, and weapons of mass destructions, and it also has the ability to operate an emergency disaster phone bank in the event of the biological of chemical terrorism event; and

Whereas, although the center is committed to these programs and services, thousands of West Virginians continue to be exposed to poisons ever year, clearly demonstrating that these programs and efforts must continue; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 17-23, 2024* as:

Poison Prevention Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this 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 Fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.

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Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State