## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, West Virginians recognize the vital importance of the rich culture and history of the Mountain State; and

Whereas, West Virginia's shared heritage promotes tourism, brings us closer together, and relates the important role that West Virginia has played in our national story; and

Whereas, our historical and genealogical societies play an indispensable part in preserving our local heritage by protecting historical sites and providing access to documentation that offers insight into the communities and counties that make up our great state; and

Whereas, for the past twenty-seven years, historical, genealogical, preservation, and museum organizations working on behalf of the preservation of historical resources and the dissemination of West Virginia's history have gathered at the State Capitol to celebrate the annual History Day at the Legislature; and

Whereas, each year, these organizations have recognized the passion and labor of their most significant contributors for their years of dedicated behind-the-scenes service, for significant contributions, such as preserving a site or collection, or for publishing a work of family or local history; and

Whereas, today 29 individuals are being recognized as West Virginia History Heroes for their service to organizations around the state; and

Whereas, February 21, 2024 is the date of this year's annual History Day at the Legislature.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 21, 2024* as:

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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 Twenty-First day of February, 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