Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

Whereas, educating the public and healthcare providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reduced rates of mortality from disease; and

Whereas, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screenings resulting in earlier diagnosis of health issues; and

Whereas, the Men's Health Network worked with the United States Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

Whereas, National Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues such as heart disease, diabetes, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancers.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 12-18, 2017* as:

National Men's Health Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all West Virginians to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts through a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.

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 Twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth year of the State.

Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State