

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** the week of November 18-22, 2024 has been elected *Geography Awareness Week*; and

**Whereas,** November 20, 2024, has been elected *GIS Day*; and

**Whereas,** the world is increasingly interconnected and interdependent, but too many students lack understanding of the world's geography within and beyond our country's borders; and

**Whereas,** *Geography Awareness Week* promotes geography education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a 21<sup>st</sup> century geo-education, and has been a congressionally mandated week since 1987; and

**Whereas,** GIS Day promotes the integration of geographic information systems (GIS) technology in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a 21<sup>st</sup> century geo-education; and

**Whereas,** teachers, students and communities across West Virginia will gain further understanding about how our world is comprised of interconnected human and natural systems, with special emphasis this year on the theme of the power of maps and spatial thinking during *Geography Awareness Week* and throughout the school year.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **November 18-22, 2024** as:

## *Geography Education Week*

hereby proclaim **November 20, 2024** as:

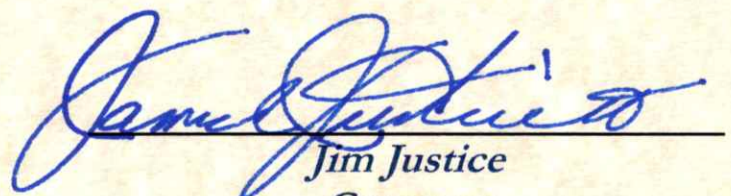
### *GIS Day*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

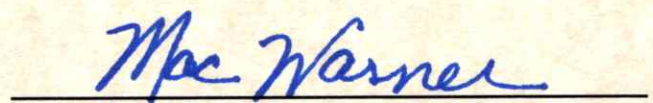
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty Second year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State