

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**Whereas,** home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

**Whereas,** roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

**Whereas,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

**Whereas,** residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home along with meeting the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**Whereas,** residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**Whereas,** the 2024 *Fire Prevention Week* theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you." serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home; and

**Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 6-12, 2024* as:

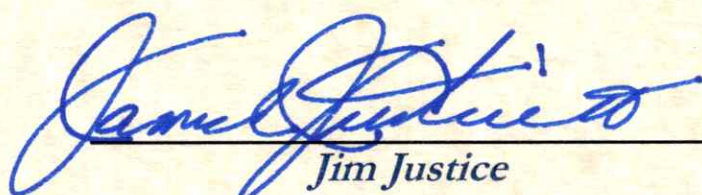
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**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-Sixth day of September, 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