Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, helps provide the foundation of our state; and

Whereas, West Virginia has the third largest percentage of the population of older adults in the United States. There are currently 99 adults in Adult Family Care placement who have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities and cannot care for themselves; and

Whereas, these individuals are being provided with a compassionate, safe, secure, and stable family environment in Adult Family Care Homes; and

Whereas, Adult Family Care Providers play a vital role in helping incapacitated adults remain in a family environment while assuring them as much independence as possible; and

Whereas, dedicated Adult Family Care Providers frequently care for these special individuals throughout the individuals' lifetime until they are capable of living on their own, or until they have needs that can no longer be met in the Adult Family Care Provider's home; and

Whereas, there are increasing numbers of individuals who qualify for Adult Family Care and numerous individuals and public and private organizations that work to increase public awareness of the needs of incapacitated adults as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of Adult Family Care Providers to the lives of the citizens of West Virginia.

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

Adult Family Care Month

in the Mountain State and urge all citizens to change a life by sharing their hearts, opening their homes, and offering help to Adult Family Care Residents, Adult Family Care Homes, and the Adult Services Staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

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-Second day of July, 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