Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is a serious genetic, hormone, metabolic, and reproductive disorder that can lead to lifelong complications, psychosocial disorders, obesity, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, endometrial cancer, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, maternal/fetal health complications and other serious and life-threatening conditions; and

Whereas, Polycystic Ovary Syndrome affects up to 20% of women and is one of the most underserved areas of health with 50-70% of women with PCOS going undiagnosed, untreated, and unsupported; and

Whereas, Polycystic Ovary Syndrome is the leading cause of female infertility and the most common endocrine disorder in women; and

Whereas, although a cure for Polycystic Ovary Syndrome does not exist, a woman can manage her symptoms through diet or medication; and

Whereas, Polycystic Ovary Syndrome is one of the most common ovulatory disorders, accounting for 85 percent of ovulatory disorder diagnoses; and

Whereas, Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Awareness Month and World Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Day is dedicated to raising awareness, educating the public, and conquering PCOS by sharing personal stories.

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

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Awareness Month

proclaim September 1, 2024 as:

World Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Day

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

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