Proclamation
by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and

Whereas, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and

Whereas, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

Whereas, over 2 million hospital stays involve malnutrition per year, and each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed. Malnutrition is a major factor in increased hospital readmissions, costs and mortality. Malnourished patients have three times the mortality rate of mortality of all hospitalized patients; and

Whereas, twenty to thirty percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition. Screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to reducing malnutrition in the United States.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim October 4-8, 2021 as:

Malnutrition Awareness Week

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 Fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State