

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** *International Holocaust Remembrance Day* recalls the 6 million lives lost during the most tragic genocide in modern history; and
- Whereas,** we must never forget the Holocaust and must ensure our children learn of and from these horrific events; and
- Whereas,** antisemitism is an evil that threatens, not only those who subscribe to the Jewish faith but all people no matter creed or background; and
- Whereas,** to raise awareness of antisemitism's danger, and vanquish this hatred, it will take a bold act of unity, by people all across the United States; and
- Whereas,** antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identify, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in contemporary American society; and
- Whereas,** Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and continue to be victimized by incidents of hate; and
- Whereas,** State officials and institutions have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry motivated by discriminatory animus, including antisemitism, and must be given the tools to do so; and
- Whereas,** while there can be no exhaustive definition of antisemitism, as it can take many forms, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, including its associated examples, has been an essential definitional tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism, and includes useful examples of discriminatory anti-Israel acts that can cross the line into antisemitism; and
- Whereas,** on December 19, 2019, President Donald Trump signed an executive order adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism for the purposes of enforcement under Title VI by agencies; and
- Whereas,** use of this definition of antisemitism, although it is not to be taken as an exhaustive definition, will increase awareness and understanding of the parameters of contemporary anti-Jewish discrimination in certain circumscribed areas; and

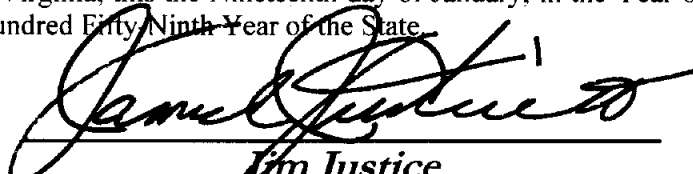
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 27, 2022* as:

International Holocaust Remembrance 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 Nineteenth day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth Year of the State.


Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State