

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the vending and convenience services industry in West Virginia generates an economic impact of more than \$428 million and \$107 million in wages; and
- Whereas,** the vending and convenience services industry has expanded in recent decades to include a wide array of convenience services and refreshments and has recently launched a national public health commitment ; and
- Whereas,** vending and convenience services use cutting edge technology to deliver innovative options to consumers and during the COVID-19 pandemic, vending and convenience services served as an essential industry, providing food and beverages to fuel first responders and other critical industries; and
- Whereas,** the industry has committed to increase the percentage of healthier food and beverage options in the nation's vending machines to 33 percent; and
- Whereas,** the industry stands uniquely equipped to service food deserts and underserved communities throughout the nation through its supply chain, commissary and unique "last-foot" distribution expertise ; and
- Whereas,** The National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) has designated March 7, 2024 as "*National Vending Day*"; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is proud of all the business owners who own vending companies.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 7, 2024* as:

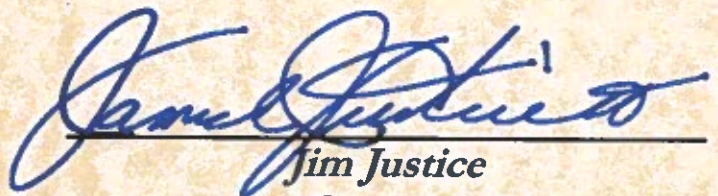
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**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-First day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State