

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, West Virginia law prohibits the sale of tobacco and other age-restricted products to persons under the age of 18; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Oil Marketers & Grocers Association and the West Virginia Wholesalers Association will participate in “*We Card*” Awareness Month, a retail education and training effort to boost West Virginia retailers’ awareness of and participation in responsible retailing efforts to comply with federal, state and local laws and identify, prevent and deny tobacco and other age-restricted product sales to minors; and

Whereas, the national non-profit organization, The “We Card” Program Inc., is designed to provide training and education to the retail community to help retailers comply with age-restricted product laws and serve their communities as responsible retailers; and

Whereas, through The “We Card” Program Inc., in-store training and education materials, online training programs, and the mystery shopping service “ID Check-Up” are available to all West Virginia retailers on We Card’s website, www.wecard.org; The “We Card” Program, Inc., is also endorsed by the West Virginia Oil Marketers & Grocers Association and the West Virginia Wholesalers Association; and

Whereas, if we work together, West Virginia will benefit from a responsible retailing community that successfully prevents tobacco and other age-restricted product sales to minors.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2019* as:


“We Card” Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all retailers to participate by letting their customers know that “In West Virginia, we don’t sell tobacco and other age-restricted products to kids.”


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 Sixteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State