

# Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and
- Whereas,** Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1 and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and
- Whereas,** Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and
- Whereas,** it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and
- Whereas,** during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **November 2018** as:

## *Alpha-1 Awareness*

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 Seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State