

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** summer is a difficult time for children who depend on school meals as their primary source of nutrition during the school year; and
- Whereas,** ninety-four percent of West Virginia students who rely on these meals do not participate in the Summer Food Service Program; and
- Whereas,** through partnership and collaboration, the State of West Virginia has made tremendous strides in improving access to nutritious meals for children during the summer; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition, administers the USDA Summer Food Service Program to ensure that children can continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer at locations such as community centers, faith-based locations, parks and schools; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Department of Education plays a significant role in helping schools provide meals to children in need during the summer; and
- Whereas,** it is critical to raise public awareness of hunger and nutrition, the necessity of the Summer Food Service Program, and the importance of increased access to the various meal sites in communities throughout West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** West Virginians can text "Food" to 877-877 to find free summer meal sites near them.


Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 8, 2018* as:

Summer Food Service Program Day

in the Mountain State and encourage potential organizations that are not participating to make this program a vital component of their communities, recognize its importance and express the benefits of the program to parents, and to also encourage children to receive nutritious meals at a site near them.


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 Eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.



Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:



Mac Warner
Secretary of State