

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** agriculture in the State of West Virginia is a leading economic driver, contributing millions to the West Virginia economy; and
- Whereas,** the overall safety of farm and agricultural workers is of utmost importance to the government of this state; and
- Whereas,** slips and falls from ladders, entanglements from augers, and PTOs, roll-overs and crushing injuries from tractors and other equipment, and injuries from handling and transportation of Grain are all hazards involved with the significant agriculture industry in the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices and procedures, this will reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with farming, including the operation of farm equipment, and the handling and storage of the grain; and
- Whereas,** due to increased training and more public awareness, deaths and injuries from farm equipment and grain bin entrapments have declined; and
- Whereas,** *Farm and Grain Bin Safety Week* is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote farm and grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and
- Whereas,** Farm and Grain Bin Safety is a collaborative effort by industry leaders including Nationwide, The West Virginia Farm Bureau, the West Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, CHS, Corteva AgriScience, KC Supply, Lutz Agency, Inc., NECAS, ProValue Insurance, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau®, AGI SureTrack, Delaware Farm Bureau®, GROWMARK, Kathy Barry Agency, Maryland Farm Bureau®, New York Farm Bureau®, Ohio Farm Bureau®, Specialty Risk Insurance, Springer Insurance and Financial Services, ABIS Agri-Business Insurance Services, Carter Fire District, First Gabrielson Agency, Frazer Insurance Agency, Gallagher, German American Insurance, Graves-Fearon Agency, Miami County Ohio Farm Bureau®, Scoular, West Side Salvage, GIT Insurance, Grimes Financial & Insurance Group, Stuber Insurance Agency, Sump Saver, Nohr Wortmann Engineering, and all agricultural professionals working together.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 21-27, 2021* as:


### *Farm Safety Week*

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 Fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State