

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 Mutual Insurance Company, The West Virginia Farm Bureau, the West Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Specialty Risk Insurance, KC Supply, Co., Inc., CHS, Inc., KFSA Insurance Agency, Specialty Risk Southwest, The Scoular Company, Lutz Agency, Inc., Corteva Agriscience, Nationwide Financial, the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, Grosskreutz Crop Insurance, Donnor-Farber & Associates, Sechler Insurance Group, Delaware Farm Bureau, Staples Associates, Schiff Farms, ABIS Insurance Services, The Scoular Company, David Larson Financial and Insurance Services, Gallagher, West Side Salvage, Cornerstone Financial Services, First Gabrielson Insurance Agency, Stuber Insurance Agency, Sump Saver, and 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 16-23, 2020* 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 Nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jim Justice", written over a horizontal line.