

Mayoral Proclamation

In harmony with

Christian Heritage Week in West Virginia

As proclaimed by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the Preamble to the Constitution of West Virginia declares, "Since through Divine Providence we enjoy the blessings of civil, political, and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God"; and

Whereas, the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of West Virginia guarantees religious freedom; and the "Sundays excepted" provision of Article 7, Chapter 14 historically recognizes Sunday as a day of rest and worship; and

Whereas, for many West Virginians, public school days once began with a daily Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and Bible reading; and

Whereas, the state songs, The West Virginia Hills and West Virginia My Home Sweet Home, contains the lyrics, "With their summits bathed in glory, like our Prince Immanuel's land!" and "There I work, and I play, and I worship Sunday;"; and

Whereas, the influence of Christianity in West Virginia is evident by her many churches and Christian charities, ministries, missions and schools; cherished Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving holiday seasons; and a willingness of Mountaineers to love thy neighbor as thyself; and

Whereas, Thanksgiving week is an appropriate time to center attention on our thanks to Almighty God for His great and good Providence and for the Christian faith, which is part of West Virginia's and America's history.

Now, Therefore, Let it be known that November 24-30, 2024, is hereby proclaimed as:

Christian Heritage Week

In the

Town of White Hall, West Virginia

By 
Mayor

Date 11/12/24

