

# SENATE RESOLUTION 9

(By Senators Smith (Mr. President) and Hamilton)

[Introduced January 21, 2026]

1 Designating January 22, 2026, as Tucker County Day at the Legislature.

2       Whereas, Tucker County, established in 1856, is a historic and vibrant county and is home  
3 to five incorporated communities: Parsons, Davis, Thomas, Hendricks, and Hambleton; and

4       Whereas, 2026 marks the 170th anniversary of Tucker County and the 250th anniversary  
5 of the founding of the United States, celebrating the county's enduring contributions within the  
6 nation's history; and

7       Whereas, The City of Parsons, the county seat of Tucker County, is located at the  
8 confluence of rivers and offers family-friendly festivals, impressive public parks, and a small-town  
9 atmosphere; and

10       Whereas, Continued progress on the construction of Corridor H (Route 48) through Tucker  
11 County enhances regional connectivity, improves transportation safety, and provides benefits to  
12 residents and travelers; and

13       Whereas, Tucker County is an important contributor to the state in the industries of tourism  
14 and outdoor recreation, as well as lumber and wood products; and

15       Whereas, Tucker County is home to two state parks, Blackwater Falls and Canaan Valley;  
16 two designated wilderness areas, Dolly Sods and Otter Creek; and a portion of the Monongahela  
17 National Forest; and

18       Whereas, Blackwater Canyon, one of the most iconic and scenic landscapes in West  
19 Virginia, was formerly privately owned and now has been made part of the Monongahela National  
20 Forest; and

1           Whereas, Tucker County has a rich history, a unique culture, and incredible natural beauty  
2 that attracts visitors who seek authentic experiences; and

3           Whereas, The citizens of Tucker County travel to the state capitol on an annual basis  
4 during the legislative session to participate in the democratic process, in which they share their  
5 accomplishments, aspirations, and concerns with lawmakers; and

6           Whereas, It is fitting to recognize Tucker County for its history, culture, outdoor recreation,  
7 and inspiring future in the State of West Virginia; therefore, be it

8           *Resolved by the Senate:*

9           That the Senate hereby designates January 22, 2026, as Tucker County Day at the  
10 Legislature; and, be it

11          *Further Resolved,* That the Senate acknowledges the many important contributions the  
12 citizens of Tucker County make in the State of West Virginia and encourages those citizens to  
13 continue to participate in the democratic process; and, be it

14          *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to  
15 the representatives from Tucker County.