

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** on January 27th, 1945, the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp was liberated, marking the end of one of history's most horrific and devastating atrocities; and
- Whereas,** the Holocaust, in which six million Jewish men, women, and children were systematically murdered by the Nazi regime, along with millions of others, including disabled individuals, political dissidents, and countless others, serves as a solemn reminder of the depths of human cruelty; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia honors the memory of those who perished, the survivors who carry the scars of their experiences, and the generations who have inherited the responsibility to remember and educate future generations; and
- Whereas,** we recognize the importance of combating hate and bigotry in all forms, standing in solidarity against anti-Semitism, racism, and all forms of discrimination that seek to dehumanize and divide us; and
- Whereas,** the lessons of the Holocaust call upon us to be vigilant, to uphold human dignity, and to actively promote peace, understanding, and respect for all people, regardless of their background, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or religion; and
- Whereas,** this day serves as a reminder of the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring importance of remembrance.


Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 27, 2025* as:

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

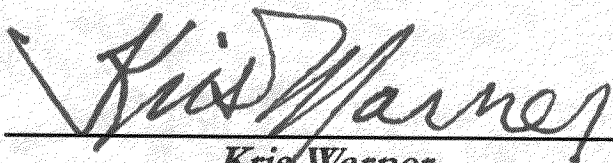
in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

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 Twenty-Seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.


Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:


Kris Warner
Secretary of State