

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** as many as 33 million Americans have food allergies; including nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and
- Whereas,** research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children and adults; and
- Whereas,** nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame; symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and
- Whereas,** anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and
- Whereas,** every 10 seconds, food allergy sends a patient to the emergency room, and reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- Whereas,** emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377% in only a decade; and
- Whereas,** childhood food allergies cost U.S. families \$34 billion each year; and
- Whereas,** FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.

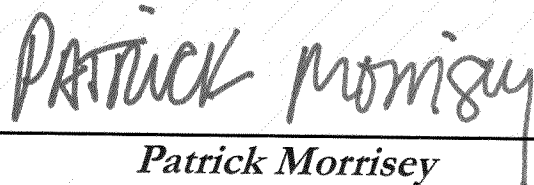
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 11-17, 2025* as:

Food Allergy Awareness 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 Eleventh day of May, 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