

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** no-kill is a community philosophy and commitment to saving every healthy or treatable dog and cat in a shelter who can be saved, and to ensuring that at least 90% of the companion animals that enter shelters leave them alive; and
- Whereas,** many loving and healthy animals are waiting for homes in shelters and rescues throughout West Virginia, and many West Virginia shelters implement proven programs and policies to provide alternatives to the unnecessary killing of dogs and cats; and
- Whereas,** adoption provides dogs and cats a second chance at life and helps reduce the strain on overcrowded shelters, and promoting pet adoption supports animal welfare and encourages responsible pet ownership within the community; and
- Whereas,** West Virginians should work together to achieve No-Kill in West Virginia in 2025; and
- Whereas,** animal shelters can do this by employing lifesaving programs such as foster care networks; adoption programs; medical and behavioral programs; public education and awareness programs; community cat trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return programs; and animal socialization programs to prioritize lifesaving.

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

No-Kill Shelter Month in West Virginia

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 First 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