

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a rapidly progressive, neurodegenerative condition that attacks nerve cells responsible for controlling voluntary muscles, leading to paralysis and ultimately death; and
- Whereas,** ALS imposes profound emotional, physical, and financial burdens on individuals and families—many of whom reside in West Virginia—and demands comprehensive and coordinated policy responses at the state and federal levels; and
- Whereas,** there is currently no cure for ALS, and existing treatments only modestly extend life expectancy, underscoring the urgent need for sustained public investment in medical research and accelerated approval pathways for promising therapies; and
- Whereas,** individuals living with ALS in West Virginia often face barriers to accessing necessary care, assistive technologies, and in-home support services due to limitations in insurance coverage; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia recognizes the importance of policy reforms to expand Medicaid and insurance coverage for ALS-related services, improve telehealth access, invest in home and community-based care options, and ensure adequate caregiver support and workforce development; and
- Whereas,** public awareness is essential to advancing legislation that strengthens protections for people with ALS and their families, improves early diagnosis, and enhances coordination among healthcare, social services, and disability systems; and
- Whereas,** *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month* serves not only to honor those affected, but also to catalyze legislative action that aligns with West Virginia's values of compassion, fairness, and community responsibility.

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

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month

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

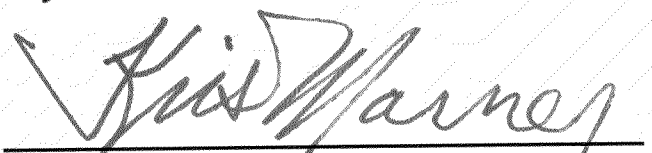
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fourteenth 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