

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** headache disorders, including migraine, cluster headache, new daily persistent headache, spinal CSF leak, orofacial pain disorders, and other neurological headache diseases, affect more than 40 million Americans and over 1.1 billion people worldwide; and
- Whereas,** headache diseases are among the leading causes of disability globally, disproportionately impacting women, veterans, and historically underserved communities; and
- Whereas,** an estimated four million Americans live with chronic migraine, defined by symptoms occurring 15 or more days per month; and
- Whereas,** migraine is a common headache disorder in children and adolescents, affecting up to 10% of school-aged children and up to 28% of adolescents; and
- Whereas,** veterans and military personnel experience higher rates of post-traumatic headaches and migraines due to traumatic brain injuries sustained in service; and
- Whereas,** a cluster headache is recognized as one of the most excruciating medical conditions, affecting approximately one in 1,000 Americans; and
- Whereas,** headache diseases are a severe economic burden, costing companies in the United States over \$78 billion annually in lost productivity, and healthcare expenses; and
- Whereas,** the symptoms of headache disorders extend beyond head pain, often impacting vision, cognitive function, balance, and daily activities, with attacks lasting hours to days; and individuals with headache disorders are at an increased risk for developing depression, and suicidal ideation; and
- Whereas,** stigma and misinformation have historically stifled research, treatment innovation, and public awareness, leaving many patients undiagnosed and untreated.

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

Migraine and Headache 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 First day of June, 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