

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** timely and appropriate emergency medical care is critical for individuals with rare, chronic, and complex medical conditions, as delays or improper treatment can lead to life-threatening complications; and
- Whereas,** raising awareness about the unique medical needs of those with rare, chronic, and complex medical conditions will highlight the need for improved emergency treatment guidelines in West Virginia and serve as a vital reminder of the specialized care needs of these patients, along with the need for enhanced education for our emergency responders, and will serve as a vital reminder to the affected families of the importance of partnering with their emergency medical services providers in emergency planning and protection strategies; and
- Whereas,** it is essential to recognize and support ongoing efforts to equip first responders with the knowledge, training, and resources necessary to provide specialized care, ensuring the best possible outcomes for all patients; and
- Whereas,** this proclamation acknowledges the need for collaboration among all the relevant stakeholders across multiple medical specialties and patient organizations all working tirelessly to improve emergency care and save lives; and
- Whereas,** recognizing the goals and ideas of the *Specialized Emergency Treatment for Rare and Chronic Conditions Awareness Month* will extend awareness of specialized care needs for rare diseases and other critical medical conditions beyond their affected communities, helping promote preparedness to prevent unnecessary medical complications and delays in treatment.

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

Specialized Emergency Treatment for Rare and Chronic Conditions 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 Twenty-Third 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