

# Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** on June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress established the Continental Army, marking the birth of the United States Army and laying the foundation for the defense of a new nation founded on liberty and justice; and
- Whereas,** for 250 years, the United States Army has stood as a symbol of strength, resilience, and unwavering dedication, defending our Constitution, protecting our freedoms, and preserving peace at home and abroad; and
- Whereas,** from the Revolutionary War to modern-day missions across the globe, the Soldiers of the United States Army have demonstrated unmatched courage, honor, and professionalism in the face of adversity; and
- Whereas,** the Army's legacy is embodied and manifested in the valor of those who served and sacrificed—from the fields of Gettysburg and the beaches of Normandy to the mountains of Afghanistan and beyond; and
- Whereas,** The Mountain State has a proud and distinguished history of military service, with generations of West Virginians answering the call to serve in the United States Army with honor and distinction, exemplifying West Virginia's deep-rooted values of patriotism, duty, and sacrifice; and
- Whereas,** in this semiquincentennial year, we celebrate not only the Army's historic achievements but also its enduring commitment to innovation, readiness, and the defense of our great nation in the years to come.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 14, 2025*, to honor and commemorate the:

## *250th Birthday of the United States Army*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance to reflect on the Army's rich heritage, express gratitude to those who wear the uniform, and reaffirm our collective commitment to the values for which they so nobly serve.

**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 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