

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code § 2-2-1 vests the Governor with the authority to proclaim and treat additional days as official holidays or days of special observance, or days for the general cessation of business; and

WHEREAS, observed on the Fourth of July each year, the Independence Holiday is a day to celebrate the birth of the United States of America, which continues to be the world's example for democracy and freedom; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the hard work accomplished by the public employees of this State throughout the year, and in acknowledgement of the Independence Day holiday, it is fitting and proper that the public employees of this State be permitted to generally cease business on Thursday, July 3, 2025, to spend an extended and enjoyable holiday weekend with their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY, pursuant to the foregoing and by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **PROCLAIM** and **ORDER** that Thursday, July 3, 2025, shall be treated as if it were an official holiday, and the public employees of this State may be excused from their work duties on that day without charge against accrued annual leave; and do further **PROCLAIM** that this **ORDER** shall not affect private businesses, local government, and other entities and individuals not employed by the State of West Virginia; nor shall it affect the work requirements of those public employees who may be called upon to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of West Virginia's citizenry and who will be compensated in accordance with the legislative rules established by the West

Virginia Division of Personnel; however, in accordance with West Virginia Code § 2-2-1(c), county commissions may designate Thursday, July 3, 2025, as if it were a legal holiday, and courts may do the same.

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 in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Second Day of July, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



By the Governor

Patrick Morissey
GOVERNOR

Kris Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE