

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary of independence in the year 2026, marking a historic milestone in the life of this great nation; and
- Whereas,** America 250 is a nationwide initiative to honor our country's founding, celebrate our shared heritage and inspire the next generation of Americans through civic engagement, patriotic unity and reflection on the promise of freedom; and
- Whereas,** state fairs across the nation serve as gathering places that reflect the rural traditions, agricultural heritage and community pride that define each state, making them the ideal venues to honor our nation's semiquincentennial; and
- Whereas,** under President Trump's Executive Order 14189 and the America 250 White House Task Force, each state has been called upon to join in this momentous national celebration by integrating patriotic themes and programming into their 2025 fair; and
- Whereas,** the State Fair of West Virginia, held annually in Fairlea, is a time-honored tradition that has brought families, farmers, artisans and small businesses together for 100 years in celebration of the Mountain State's heritage and values;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim the State Fair of West Virginia from *August 7-16, 2025* as:

The Official America 250 Celebration Epicenter for the State of West Virginia

and encourage all citizens to unite and join me in celebrating our country's 250-year heritage.

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 Third day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey

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Governor

By the Governor:

Kris Warner

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Secretary of State