

# Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** hunting, firearms, and shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** increasing access to education and shooting sports provides the opportunity to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and
- Whereas,** West Virginians, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and
- Whereas,** thousands of West Virginia residents, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and
- Whereas,** sportsmen and hunters teach others to understand the responsibilities of owning and using a firearm, while also working to ensure that our natural resources are safeguarded; and
- Whereas,** the firearm industry has contributed as much as \$268 million to West Virginia's economy in 2024 and supported 1,500 jobs.

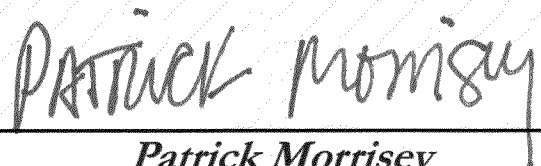
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *August 2025* as:

## *National Shooting Sports Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this 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 August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



*Patrick Morrisey*  
Governor

*By the Governor:*



*Kris Warner*  
Secretary of State