

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, Gastroparesis, also known as stomach paralysis, is a chronic illness that, according to estimates from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), affects more than 5 million people in the United States, yet remains little known or understood ; and

Whereas, Gastroparesis is characterized by debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

Whereas, increasing awareness during this month encourages early diagnosis, supports ongoing research, and highlights the urgent need for improved treatments for those impacted; and

Whereas, *Gastroparesis Awareness Month* is dedicated to raising public understanding of gastroparesis, a chronic and debilitating disorder that affects millions of Americans; and

Whereas, educating the citizens, healthcare providers, and policymakers of West Virginia about gastroparesis promotes better health outcomes and fosters a compassionate community.

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

Gastroparesis Awareness 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