

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

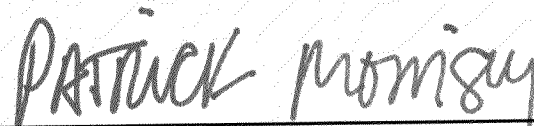
- Whereas,** September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and
- Whereas,** sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes the lives of 350,000 adults; and
- Whereas,** each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die; and
- Whereas,** sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the U.S., with costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing estimated to be \$62 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** on average, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations (14,000 per year in the United States) and post-sepsis syndrome; and
- Whereas,** the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases; and
- Whereas,** despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and
- Whereas,** increasing awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis, along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis, can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors; and
- Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2025* as:

Sepsis Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

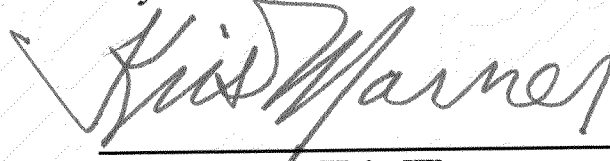
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of September, 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