

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Blue Star Families seek to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors, individuals, and organizations to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and
- Whereas,** Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the second to last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “*Blue Star Welcome Week*”; and
- Whereas,** during this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and
- Whereas,** only 39% of military family respondents to the 2024 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and
- Whereas,** Blue Star Families are committed to ensuring that military and veteran-connected families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and
- Whereas,** Blue Star Families express our gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning Veterans, and their families.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 27 – October 5, 2025* as:

Blue Star Welcome Week

in the Mountain State and encourage civilians nationwide to welcome military and veteran-connected families into their communities

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 Twenty-Seventh 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