

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Frontotemporal Degeneration is recognized in the National Plan to address Alzheimer's Disease as a related dementia and is included as a priority within its goals and strategies to achieve the vision of a nation free from Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and
- Whereas,** the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration reports that Frontotemporal Degeneration is a terminal and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the frontal and temporal lobes, causing impairments to speech, personality, behavior, and motor skills which constitutes a major public health concern; and
- Whereas,** it takes an average of 3.6 years to get an accurate diagnosis of Frontotemporal Degeneration with average life expectancy 7-13 years after the start of symptoms; and
- Whereas,** Frontotemporal Degeneration is often misdiagnosed as a psychiatric condition or other neurodegenerative disease due to the wide range of cognitive and behavioral symptoms along with often younger onset; and
- Whereas,** Frontotemporal Degeneration imposes average annual costs associated with care and living with the disease that are approximately double those of Alzheimer's Disease; and
- Whereas,** Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) often impairs a person's ability to express emotions, show affection, and demonstrate empathy for loved ones, and in its behavioral variant, may diminish social awareness and appropriate conduct, leading to significant personality changes; and
- Whereas,** it is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious disease and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels.

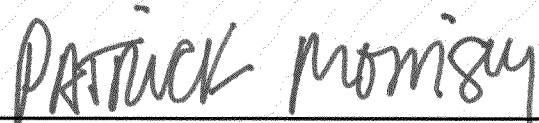
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 21-28, 2025* as:

## *Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week*

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 Twenty-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