

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

**Whereas,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**Whereas,** roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

**Whereas,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

**Whereas,** residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home along with meeting the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**Whereas,** residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 5-12, 2025* as:

## *Fire Prevention Week*

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 Thirteenth day of October, 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