

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** mental and behavioral health are essential to overall well-being, and with effective prevention, proven treatment, and sustained support, recovery from mental health and substance use disorders are both achievable and lasting; and
- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia is committed to raising awareness of mental health and substance use recovery, supporting individuals and families in recovery, and promoting the message that recovery in all its forms is possible; and
- Whereas,** *National Recovery Month* is a national observance held every September to promote and support evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the recovery community, service providers, and the dedicated professionals who make recovery possible; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has been deeply impacted by the substance use disorder crisis, and in response launched programs offering support through a coordinated network of transition agents, education, training, and employment opportunities to help individuals remove barriers, sustain long-term recovery, and achieve brighter futures; and
- Whereas,** countless West Virginians have transformed their lives through recovery, becoming valued members of their families, workplaces, and communities, and serving as powerful examples of hope and resilience; and
- Whereas,** *West Virginia Recovery Month* offers the opportunity to celebrate these accomplishments, honor the providers, peer support specialists, and programs that make recovery possible, and reaffirm our state's commitment to supporting West Virginians on their path to health and wellness.

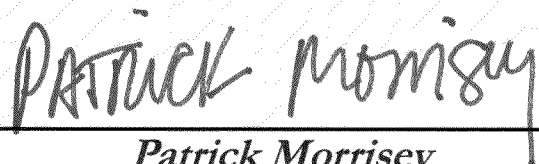
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2025* as:

West Virginia Recovery Month

in the Mountain State, and encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating individuals in recovery, supporting their families, recognizing the vital work of organizations that serve these individuals, and strengthening our communities by promoting hope, healing, and second chances.

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 Eighth 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