

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** lead exposure to children can result from multiple sources and can cause irreversible and life-long health effects; and
- Whereas,** even in low amounts, lead poisoning can cause brain damage, shortened attention span, hyperactivity, aggressive behavior, learning disabilities, and other health and developmental problems for children; and
- Whereas,** lead poisoning is preventable; the key is to keep children from coming into contact with lead; and
- Whereas,** lead paint in housing units and child care centers built before 1978 represents a risk for our children, and residents should take necessary precautions when engaging in renovation or repair of these buildings to reduce the risk of lead poisoning; and
- Whereas,** education and awareness about the dangers of lead can help protect the lives of children living in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Department of Health, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, West Virginia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Project plays a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to address lead poisoning in the younger population; and
- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia encourages all residents, especially parents and child care providers, to be aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and seek appropriate testing for their children as a tool to prevent lead poisoning.

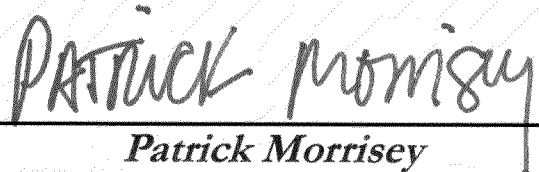
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 19-25, 2025* as:

National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all individuals, communities, and governments to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities designed to enhance public awareness of lead poisoning prevention and the ways we can protect our families from lead poisoning.

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 Nineteenth Day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second Year of the State.


Patrick Morrisey

Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State