

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** lobular breast cancer, also known as invasive lobular breast cancer (ILC), is the second most common breast cancer, accounting for 15% of all breast cancers and impacting over 44,000 individuals a year in the U.S., and which is more common in women than cancers of the kidney, brain, pancreas, liver, or ovaries; and
- Whereas,** lobular breast cancer is clinically and molecularly distinct from non-lobular breast cancers and can metastasize to unusual places and there is insufficient research to differentiate the treatment of lobular breast cancer from non-lobular breast cancers; and
- Whereas,** a key characteristic of lobular breast cancer is the absence of the E-cadherin protein, causing cancer cells to grow diffusely rather than forming detectable masses, making detection incredibly difficult with mammograms in women with dense breasts, or once it has metastasized, it is only diagnosed once tumors exceed 2cm and are already metastatic; and
- Whereas,** many clinical trials for breast cancer treatments mandate that participants have measurable disease, often leading to the exclusion of individuals with lobular breast cancer from these trials; as a result, there have been very few clinical trials specifically focused on treating metastatic lobular breast cancer; and
- Whereas,** studies show that lobular breast cancer often recurs later than non-lobular breast cancers, more than ten years after the initial diagnosis; and
- Whereas,** the need to increase greater awareness of the need for screening and early detection of breast cancer is vital to the health and well-being of West Virginia women and families affected by lobular breast cancer.

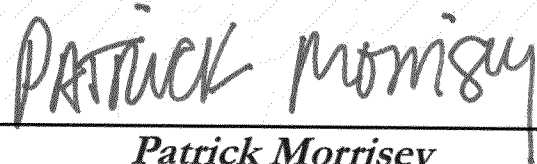
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 15, 2025*, as:

### *Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

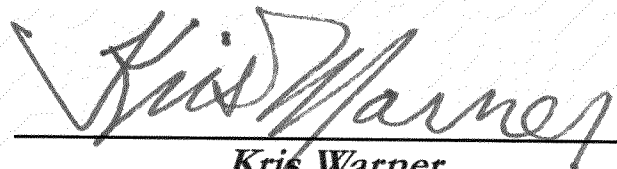
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifteenth 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