

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** each November, foster care and adoption entities across West Virginia and nationwide raise awareness for the thousands of children in foster care awaiting permanent, loving families; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia is committed to safely reunifying children in foster care with their birth families whenever possible, recognizing that reunification is the primary goal and often the best outcome for children and families; and
- Whereas,** when reunification is not possible, every child still deserves the love, stability, and lifelong support of a permanent family, achievable through adoption; and
- Whereas,** every West Virginia child needs and deserves a safe, loving, and supportive home to thrive and reach their fullest potential; and
- Whereas,** there are just over 6,000 children in foster care across West Virginia, many awaiting adoption by a forever family; and
- Whereas,** by providing safe and nurturing environments for our children, we will ensure they reach their full potential to become strong adults and leaders who will protect future generations within our state and this nation; and
- Whereas,** the collaborative investment of public and private agencies, including communities, religious organizations, businesses, and families, supports West Virginia's commitment to ensuring a successful future for our children; and
- Whereas,** it is the privilege of this great State of West Virginia to publicly recognize and thank all families, individuals, communities, and agencies for their dedication and commitment to the greatest resource of our state, our children.

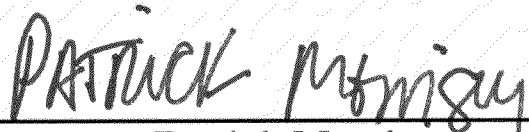
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 2025* as

National Adoption Awareness Month

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 First Day of November, 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