

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

**Whereas,** in 2025, an estimated 67,440 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, which equates to 185 people every single day; and

**Whereas,** pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is currently the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, with a relative 5-year survival rate of just 13 percent; and

**Whereas,** when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 87 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

**Whereas,** approximately 350 deaths due to pancreatic cancer will occur in West Virginia in 2025; and

**Whereas,** this is the same disease which claimed the life of former West Virginia Governor William Marland, actor Patrick Swayze, Super Bowl MVP Harvey Martin, and the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, just to name a few; and

**Whereas,** in December 2024, West Virginia's very own NFL Hall of Famer, Randy Moss, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; and

**Whereas,** pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death across the world; and

**Whereas,** the good health and well-being of the residents of the Great State of West Virginia are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the symptoms and risk factors of pancreatic cancer, and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

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

## *Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month*

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

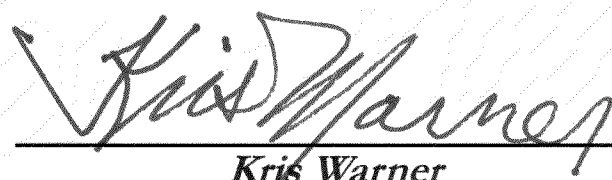
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Third 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