

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, *Geography Awareness Week* was first established in 1987, as the third week of November, by resolution of the United States Congress, Pub. Law No. 100-78, 101 Stat. 540 (1987), and by proclamation of President Ronald Regan, Proclamation 5700 (1987); and

Whereas, knowledge of other lands and cultures is increasingly important, and West Virginians, especially young people, would benefit from becoming more fully acquainted with our state, our country, neighboring countries, and the world as a whole; and

Whereas, studying geography aids West Virginians in understanding the United States' relationship with other nations as well as the interconnectedness of their vast nation and the abundance of its natural resources; and

Whereas, comprehension of state, national, and world geography is essential to the education of West Virginians; and

Whereas, *Geography Awareness Week* promotes geography education in the state's and nation's schools and communities; and

Whereas, this year, *Geography Awareness Week* falls on the week of November 17-21, 2025; and

Whereas, teachers, students, and communities across West Virginia will gain further understanding of our world, its natural systems, and the power of maps and spatial thinking during *Geography Awareness Week*.

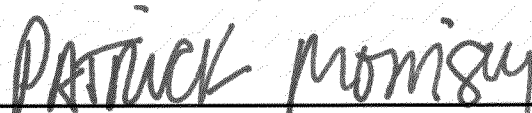
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 17-21, 2025* as:

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

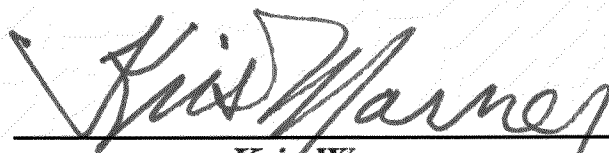
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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