

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equal opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and
- Whereas,** Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and
- Whereas,** in 1983, former President Ronald Reagan signed into law a bill creating a national holiday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.; and
- Whereas,** since millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and
- Whereas,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life's work to a vision: that all Americans would live free from injustice and enjoy equal opportunity granted by their Creator; and
- Whereas,** the lifelong movement of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to end segregation and discrimination, brought our nation closer to the principles set forth in the founding documents; and
- Whereas,** each of us has a duty to work together in unity to resist violence, hatred, and injustice in our communities; and
- Whereas,** citizens of West Virginia have the opportunity to participate in events throughout the state on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, to give back to their communities through service, engagement, and remembrance in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

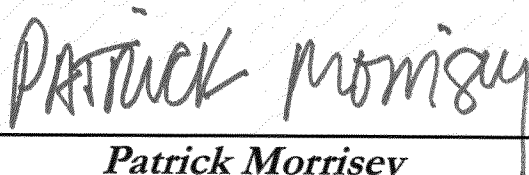
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 19, 2026*, as:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

in the Mountain State, and encourage all citizens to join me in paying tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and throughout the year.

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 January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State