

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

**Whereas,** National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was founded by multiple organizations in 2015, most notably Concern of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), to recognize law enforcement officers across the country for the daily sacrifices they make for their communities; and

**Whereas,** the leading organization, C.O.P.S, provides a national support network for families and co-workers who have lost a loved one in the line of duty and supports positive recognition of law enforcement officers doing good work every day; and

**Whereas,** there are over 900,000 law enforcement officers in the United States, and in 2024, over 128 officers died in the line of duty, over 79,000 were assaulted in the line of duty, and on average, 184 officers commit suicide each year; and

**Whereas,** West Virginia is the proud home of more than 3,900 dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe; and

**Whereas,** these law enforcement officers stand as leaders and teachers, educating the community about the importance of public safety; and

**Whereas,** we appreciate the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices made by law enforcement officers and their family members on a daily basis, in order, to protect our schools, workplaces, roadways, and homes.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 9, 2026*, as:

## *National Law Enforcement Appreciation 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 Ninth 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