

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** thirty-seven percent of West Virginians have disabilities; these individuals with disabilities, like all others, have the right to live, work, and fully participate in their communities in order to realize their dreams; and
- Whereas,** people with disabilities have the right to an equal opportunity to live full, productive lives as valued citizens in the community or setting of their choice; and
- Whereas,** people with disabilities should be supported in their efforts exercise self-determination, achieve independence, and become productive employees in the workplace; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's citizens with disabilities have come together in a collective group, the Fair Shake Network, to help bring their concerns to the forefront of public awareness; and
- Whereas,** the Fair Shake Initiative is a program of the WV Statewide Independent Living Council and was formed to carry on the work of the Fair Shake Network, which developed a grassroots movement to provide opportunities for people with disabilities to learn from each other and take action together; and
- Whereas,** the Fair Shake Network has become a credible source of information for policymakers, advocates, and the public on policies and programs that impact people with disabilities; and
- Whereas,** the purpose of Jan Lilly-Stewart's Disability Advocacy Day is to increase the awareness and understanding of legislators, administrators, policymakers, and the public about the issues that are important to individuals with disabilities.


Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *January 29, 2026*, as:

Jan Lilly-Stewart's Disability Advocacy Day

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

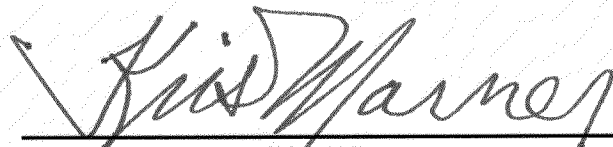
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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