

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Marshall University has been an institution of advanced learning and innovation since its founding in 1837; and
- Whereas,** the Marshall University Alumni Association and its dedicated alumni chapters across the nation represent more than 120,000 graduates, including Admirals and Generals; Governors; Fortune 500 CEOs; Emmy, Tony, and Pulitzer Prize winners; doctors; lawyers; scientists; educators; professional athletes and coaches; Heisman Trophy finalists; and Hall of Fame inductees; and
- Whereas,** Marshall University advances workforce and economic development through nationally recognized programs in cybersecurity, aviation, health care, advanced manufacturing, energy, and entrepreneurship, and through a strong research enterprise earning the university a Carnegie R2 designation; and
- Whereas,** the University is making significant investments in West Virginia's future, including the \$250 million IDEA district in downtown Huntington, where Impossible Doesn't Exist Anymore; and
- Whereas,** Marshall Health Network and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine serve as leaders in academic medicine, rural health, and specialty care while training the next generation of health professionals through 30 residency and fellowship programs, including three rural residencies that are among the first in the nation; and
- Whereas,** Marshall University student-athletes continue to raise the bar academically with the highest Graduation Success Rate in the Sun Belt Conference at 92 percent while also setting a departmental GPA record with a 3.42 Overall GPA in the Fall 2025 semester and also excelling in competition with a nationally-ranked Men's Soccer program and basketball programs that each are considered among the elite in the Sun Belt Conference for the 2025-26 season; and
- Whereas,** the 38th President of Marshall University President Brad D. Smith's vision for Marshall University is Marshall for All, Marshall Forever, signaling a prosperity platform that accelerates the success of any individual with the aspiration and determination to try. Marshall for All, Marshall Forever recognizes learning is a lifelong pursuit that demands affordable and accessible options that provide continuous access to in demand knowledge through on demand choices; and
- Whereas,** Marshall University has a 18-to-1 return on investment and is an important economic engine to West Virginia.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *February 3, 2026*, as:

### *Marshall Day at the Capitol*

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 Third day of February, 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