

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** flooding has a profound and devastating impact on West Virginia's communities, infrastructure, and citizens; and
- Whereas,** emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen and community, and all West Virginians are urged to work together to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for flood disasters and emergencies; and
- Whereas,** fostering awareness, preparedness, and resiliency is crucial to mitigating the risks associated with flooding; and
- Whereas,** *Silver Jackets Flood Resiliency Week* is a way to encourage every resident of West Virginia to prepare their homes, families, businesses, and communities for flooding; and
- Whereas,** it is imperative to empower our citizens with knowledge and resources to enhance their ability to withstand and recover from flooding events; and
- Whereas,** investing in flood resiliency for ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and
- Whereas,** the Army Corps of Engineers, West Virginia State Resiliency Office, the National Weather Service, the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, West Virginia Ready, West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, and other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public awareness in preparing for flooding and to educate individuals on how to take action; and
- Whereas,** all West Virginians are encouraged to participate in building flood resiliency to become more prepared.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *February 9-13, 2026*, as:

Silver Jackets Flood Resiliency Week

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 Ninth 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