

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** marriage between one man and one woman is the foundational cornerstone of civilization and is a natural union necessary for the continuation and growth of humanity; and
- Whereas,** marriage forms the bedrock relationship for all society, and good marriages and strong families support the prosperity and happiness of all aspects of society; and
- Whereas,** based on a wealth of academic research, married people tend to have healthier lifestyles, live longer, have more wealth and economic assets, and support children who tend to do better academically and emotionally; and
- Whereas,** marriage helps families to become financially independent, which in turn increases their capacity to flourish as free citizens, to enjoy the benefits of a nation founded on personal liberty, and to contribute through charity or other volunteer work to their communities; and
- Whereas,** the impacts of broken families and weak marriages have a significant negative impact on our society, but supporting and encouraging strong marriages and families brings positive and multi-fold returns to our society.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *February 7-14, 2026*, as:

National Marriage 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 Seventh 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