

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect in the United States, with nearly one in one hundred babies born each year with a heart defect; and

Whereas, advances and innovations in pediatric cardiology have increased long-term survival of children born with congenital heart defects; and

Whereas, for more than a decade, the number of adults with congenital heart defects has exceeded the number of children with congenital heart defects, and this number continues to grow exponentially; and

Whereas, congenital heart disease requires lifelong specialized cardiac care; and

Whereas, it is crucial that individuals planning a family, fetal clinicians, obstetric physicians, pediatricians, and all those in the medical field have a greater understanding of the potential for congenital heart defects; and

Whereas, *Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week* provides the opportunity for patients and families affected by this condition to share their experiences and knowledge so that the general public may be aware of how this defect affects our lives.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *February 16-20, 2026*, as:

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness 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 Sixteenth 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