

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Marfan Syndrome is a life-threatening genetic connective tissue disorder that can involve multiple body systems, including the heart and blood vessels, demonstrated by varying degrees of disability, pain, and musculoskeletal issues, often resulting in a lifelong series of multi-system health-related maladies; and
- Whereas,** it is estimated that 1 in 5,000 individuals worldwide are born with Marfan Syndrome regardless of race, gender, or ethnicity; and
- Whereas,** the number and severity of symptoms associated with Marfan Syndrome differ greatly among individuals, even among members of the same family; and
- Whereas,** all expressions of Marfan syndrome are lifelong, incurable, and potentially debilitating; it is a life-threatening genetic condition, timely diagnosis and treatment are essential; and
- Whereas,** Marfan Syndrome is often a misunderstood, misdiagnosed, and underdiagnosed condition; and
- Whereas,** through public awareness, the Great State of West Virginia seeks to raise awareness of Marfan Syndrome to properly diagnose and treat individuals affected by this condition.

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

### *Marfan Syndrome Awareness Month*

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 First 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