

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** hunger is a persistent problem in West Virginia, with 1-in-6 of our neighbors not knowing where their next meal is coming from; and
- Whereas,** the rise in food insecurity has highlighted the importance of our state's charitable food network; and
- Whereas,** more than 277,000 West Virginians struggle with food insecurity; and
- Whereas,** hunger impacts all walks of life, and many working families struggle with hunger; and
- Whereas,** food security provides a foundation for success, productivity, and wellness; and
- Whereas,** children are at a higher risk of food insecurity, with 1-in-5 West Virginia kids not having enough food to get them through the day; a hungry child struggles to grow and learn; and
- Whereas,** more than 50,000 seniors face food insecurity and tough daily choices on whether they eat nutritional foods or pay bills, including medical and utilities; and
- Whereas,** 13,000 veterans who call West Virginia home and served our country fight food insecurity; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has a strong charitable food network, including two Feeding America food banks – Facing Hunger Foodbank and Mountaineer Food Bank – that work alongside 600 community partners, and together, in 2025, they distributed more than 36.8 million pounds of food.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *March 10, 2026*, as:

Hunger Free West Virginia Day

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 Tenth Day of March, 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