

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** the maternal mortality rate in West Virginia has experienced a 32 percent increase from 2016-2020, and the most recent data indicates 24.4 deaths per 100,000 live births; and
- Whereas,** amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality, affecting 2 to 8 cases per 100,000 deliveries worldwide; and
- Whereas,** the AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in West Virginia, provides meaningful education and life-saving skills to properly prepare healthcare providers to manage and treat patients, increase lives saved, and submit data to the AFE Registry and Biorepository; and
- Whereas,** awareness of AFE and commensurate data collection and research will promote understanding of this disorder, expanding the search for effective treatment, and help increase the number of lives saved.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *March 27, 2026*, as:

Amniotic Fluid Embolism Awareness 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 Twenty-Seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State