

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** agriculture is foundational to our communities, economy, and way of life, sustaining families and providing nourishment for generations; and
- Whereas,** women in farming have long been essential to the success of agriculture, contributing through leadership, labor, innovation, and stewardship of the land; and
- Whereas,** women farmers balance tradition with progress, preserving agricultural heritage while embracing new practices that strengthen sustainability and resilience; and
- Whereas,** their dedication, perseverance, and commitment ensure the continued growth and vitality of rural communities and the agricultural way of life; and
- Whereas,** the number of women-operated farms continues to rise, signifying their crucial and evolving role as landowners, decision-makers, and innovators in the industry; and
- Whereas,** women in agriculture contribute significantly to food security, environmental conservation, and the adoption of new technologies and sustainable practices; and
- Whereas,** it is vital to recognize the unique challenges, economic contributions, and diverse perspectives women bring to the agricultural sector; and
- Whereas,** we should encourage greater participation, access to resources, and celebrate the accomplishments of women farmers throughout the state; and
- Whereas,** their leadership serves as an inspiration for the next generation, fostering a future where agriculture is prosperous for all; and
- Whereas,** proclaiming this year as the "*Year of the Woman Farmer*" provides a platform to celebrate these achievements and encourage public appreciation for their invaluable work.
- Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim the year **2026** as:

### *Year of the Woman Farmer*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance and recognize the invaluable contributions, dedication, and leadership of women in agriculture across our state.

**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 Eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.

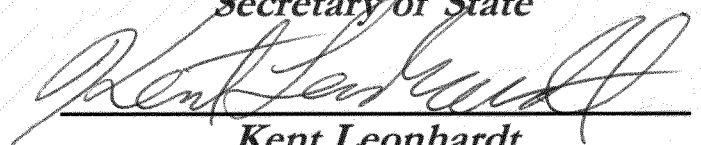


*Patrick Morrisey*  
Governor

*By the Governor:*



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