

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** *National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month* officially began in 1987 with a proclamation from President Reagan to help bring awareness and acceptance to people of every ability; and
- Whereas,** approximately 33,000 people with developmental disabilities live across all 55 counties of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia recognizes the unlimited potential for all our citizens, including those with developmental disabilities, to live, work, and thrive in their communities; and
- Whereas,** *National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month* is an opportunity to recognize the importance of ensuring communities have equal access to education, employment, housing, transportation, communication, and public accommodations; and
- Whereas,** the Mountain State supports those with developmental disabilities to make their own decisions, and receive the support they need to be successful, productive, and independent community members, promoting equality of opportunity, access, and choice for all.

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

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in 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 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