

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** West Virginia youth learn best when they are healthy and supported; and
- Whereas,** children and youth with consistent access to high-quality health care are more likely to attend school ready to learn and achieve higher levels of educational attainment; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia schools succeed with the support of school-based health centers providing comprehensive, integrated health care; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's more than 250 school-based health centers provide primary health care, behavioral health care, and many more services without barriers of transportation, cost, or insurance; and
- Whereas,** school-based health centers are proven to be powerful tools for achieving health access and are intentionally established in rural communities to serve children and their families; and
- Whereas,** school-based health centers have demonstrated their ability to increase access to health care, improve academic achievement, reduce emergency room use, and lower Medicaid costs; and
- Whereas,** over 160 West Virginia school-based health center sites provide behavioral health counseling for children; and
- Whereas,** school-based health centers are critical components of West Virginia's education and health care infrastructures; and


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

## *National School-Based Health Awareness Month*

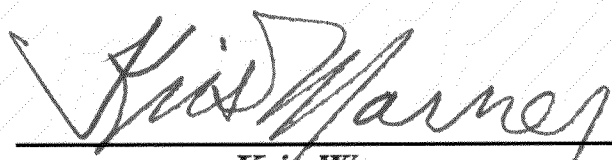
in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

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

  
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*Patrick Morrisey*  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
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*Kris Warner*  
Secretary of State