

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, in March, we celebrate American Red Cross Month by honoring our neighbors who make the Red Cross mission possible in West Virginia. Every day, their acts of kindness change lives, bringing relief, comfort, and hope when help can't wait. This compassionate spirit runs deep in our communities, just as it has for 145 years nationwide with the American Red Cross; and

Whereas, today, those who serve with the American Red Cross Central Appalachia Region help light the way during emergencies — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort after disasters; providing safe, lifesaving blood for patients facing conditions like cancer, childbirth complications and traumatic injuries; assisting military members, veterans and their families with 24/7 global support; or empowering individuals with skills like first aid and CPR that save lives; and

Whereas, last year in West Virginia, the Red Cross helped nearly 3,000 people impacted by disaster, installed over 3,500 free smoke alarms, collected nearly 50,000 units of blood, trained over 20,000 citizens with lifesaving skills, and provided more than 700 services to military members, veterans, and their families; and

Whereas, these collective efforts are a powerful reminder that the strength of our community lies in our shared commitment to one another. As we observe Red Cross Month, let's celebrate our local heroes and resolve to continue supporting one another, so that no one faces an emergency alone.

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

Red Cross Month

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

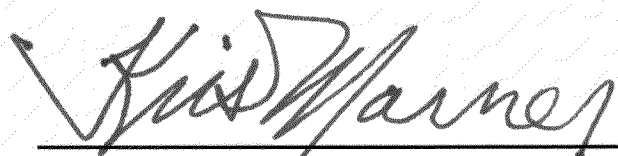
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the 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