

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** *Problem Gambling Awareness Month* is a grassroots effort to bring attention to problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and
- Whereas,** problem gambling is defined as all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt, or damage personal, family, or vocational pursuits; and
- Whereas,** problem gambling is a public health issue affecting West Virginians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds, with high societal and economic costs, as the prevalence of problem gambling addiction is 1 in 50 West Virginians; and
- Whereas,** problem gambling is treatable and effective in minimizing harm to individuals, their families, and society as a whole; and
- Whereas,** numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations have dedicated their efforts to educating the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and
- Whereas,** the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Problem Gambling Help Network of West Virginia advocate for people and families affected by problem gambling and work to educate the public and healthcare professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling, while raising awareness about the help that is available.

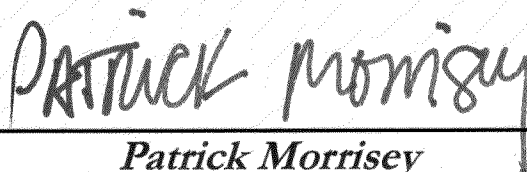
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2026* as:

Problem Gambling Awareness 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