

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** the sport of baton twirling is an intricate display of athleticism, coordination, and artistry that requires years of dedicated practice and mental discipline; and
- Whereas,** the National Baton Twirling Association (NBTA) International, Inc., through its motto "Winning is participating!", fosters a spirit of sportsmanship and personal growth among youth athletes; and
- Whereas,** on March 28, 2026, twirlers from across the Mountain State will gather at Riverside High School for the 2026 NBTA West Virginia State Championships & Open Competition; and
- Whereas,** this prestigious event serves as a platform for collegiate competition and a national qualifier for the University of Notre Dame, highlighting West Virginia's talent on a broader stage; and
- Whereas,** the competition also serves to honor the memory of the twirling community through the presentation of the Natalie Mumaw Memorial Award to the advanced state solo winner; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia recognizes the importance of promoting physical fitness and community engagement through sanctioned sporting events that are free and open to the public.

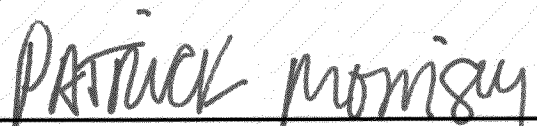
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *March 28, 2026*, as:

West Virginia State Baton Twirling Day

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

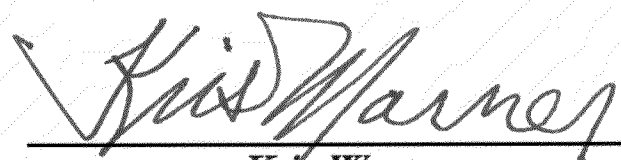
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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