

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

**Whereas,** Fabry disease is a progressive, potentially life-threatening inherited disorder caused by variants in the GLA gene leading to a damaging buildup of lipids in multiple body organs and systems, including the heart, brain, kidneys, lungs, and the nervous, auditory, and digestive systems; and

**Whereas,** people with Fabry disease experience chronic pain in their extremities, reduced ability to perspire, heat intolerance and overheating, and gastrointestinal issues beginning in childhood; and adults may experience stroke, kidney and/or heart failure, lung disease, and hearing loss at relatively young ages; and

**Whereas,** newborn screening for Fabry disease is performed in West Virginia, and studies show a higher prevalence of 1 in 4,128 newborns than the previously expected 1 in 50,000 newborns, which suggests many children and adults remain undiagnosed and untreated; and

**Whereas,** early diagnosis with genetic testing and treatment is vital to reduce the occurrence of adverse quality of life and life-threatening complications, and there are currently three FDA-approved treatments available to reduce symptoms and slow the onset of organ damage.

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

### *Fabry Disease 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 April, 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