

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** the good health and general well-being of the people of West Virginia is strengthened by our awareness and understanding of a genetic disorder known as 4p- syndrome, with Wolf-Hirschhorn as the main syndrome; and
- Whereas,** children with 4p- syndrome are usually born with low birth weight and develop slowly, both cognitively and physically, compared to their same-age peers, and experience medical complications while still maintaining pleasant, lovable personalities; and
- Whereas,** dedicated professionals are presently involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools to offer hope to persons with 4p- syndrome; and
- Whereas,** the 4p- Support Group estimates that approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States have 4p- syndrome, though it is thought many remain undiagnosed; and
- Whereas,** it is incumbent upon the citizens of West Virginia to work together as a people and as a state to support research into understanding the syndrome, and the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary and critical treatments, as well as to join in recognizing and applauding the valuable role that families and advocates of those who have 4p- syndrome play in helping our medical community advance the knowledge and awareness of this syndrome; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is pleased to join with others throughout our nation in promoting the special celebration which seeks to raise awareness of 4p- syndrome and those that provide care to individuals with this condition.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim, *April 16, 2026*, as:

4p- / Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome Awareness Day

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 Sixteenth 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