

# Proclamation

*by Governor Patrick Morrisey*

- Whereas,** each year, the month of April is nationally recognized as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia joins the nation in bringing attention to child abuse prevention and requests a call to action for all parents, communities, and stakeholders to purposefully reduce the number of child abuse and neglect cases in this great state; and
- Whereas,** preventing child abuse and neglect is a concentrated responsibility that depends on involvement among people throughout the community at all levels; and
- Whereas,** child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening West Virginia families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds, and consequently building the foundations of communities; and
- Whereas,** we must come together so families are uplifted, and those in need are no longer struggling to survive, but given the opportunity to thrive; and
- Whereas,** we want to help the children of West Virginia to grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of their communities, this great state, and the nation.

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

## *Family Strengthening and Child Abuse Prevention Month*

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 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