

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the Friday before Easter Sunday is a day traditionally set aside to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and is known as Good Friday; and

WHEREAS, many West Virginians hold Good Friday as a sacred day for religious observance and preparations for Easter; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the hard work accomplished by the public employees of this State, it is fitting and proper that the public employees of this State be permitted to cease business for the last half of the workday on Friday, April 3, 2026, to observe this day and to spend it with loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY, pursuant to the foregoing and by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **PROCLAIM** and **ORDER** that the public employees of this State may be excused from their work duties on the last half of Friday, April 3, 2026, without charge against accrued annual leave; and do further **PROCLAIM** that this **ORDER** shall not affect private businesses, local governments, and other entities and individuals not employed by the State of West Virginia; nor shall it affect the work requirements of those public employees who may be called upon to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of West Virginia's citizenry and who will be compensated

in accordance with the legislative rules established by the West Virginia Division of Personnel; however, in accordance with subsection (c), section one, article two, chapter two of the Code of West Virginia, county commissions may designate the last half of Friday, April 3, 2026, as a half-day of time off for county employees without charge against accrued annual leave, and the courts may treat the day as if it were a half-day legal holiday.

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 in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Thirty-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 Morissey
GOVERNOR

Krist Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE