

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** autism is a complex condition that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and
- Whereas,** autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors; and
- Whereas,** early diagnosis and interventions that are tailored to each individual's needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood by fostering greater independence; and
- Whereas,** it is important for each person and family affected by autism to have access to reliable information and support; and
- Whereas,** autistic people should have opportunities to reach their full potential; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia is honored to take part in the annual observance of *World Autism Acceptance Month* and *World Autism Acceptance Day* to address the diverse needs of individuals with autism and their families.

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

World Autism Acceptance Month

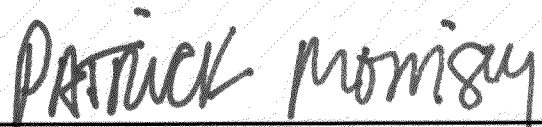
and do hereby proclaim *April 2, 2026*, as:

World Autism Acceptance Day

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

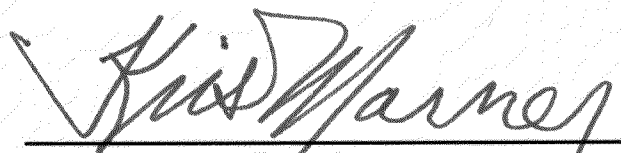
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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