

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and
- Whereas,** more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this cruel and mysterious disease, and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men, and children around the world are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and
- Whereas,** there is no single test to diagnose lupus. On average, it takes nearly six years for people with lupus to be diagnosed, from the time they first notice their lupus symptoms; and
- Whereas,** lupus strikes without warning, affects each person differently, and has no known causes or cure; and
- Whereas,** many physicians worldwide are unaware of the symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and
- Whereas,** there is a significant need to increase awareness of the debilitating impact of lupus in communities across the United States and the globe, and to educate and support individuals and families affected by the disease.

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

Lupus 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 May, 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