

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and
- Whereas,** thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and
- Whereas,** the average survival time for patients diagnosed with ALS is only two to five years, and the disease currently has no known cause or cure; and
- Whereas,** securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and
- Whereas,** clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and
- Whereas,** *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month* provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, to acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and to support research to eradicate this disease.

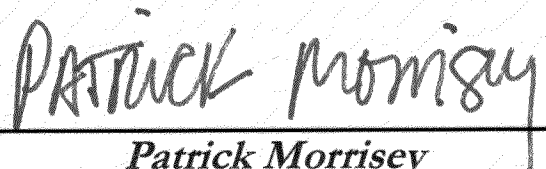
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2026* as:

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness 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 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