

# Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

**Whereas,** nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession; and

**Whereas,** the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

**Whereas,** professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and

**Whereas,** the demand for nursing services may be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, emerging health challenges, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the growth of home health care services; and

**Whereas,** more qualified nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers; and

**Whereas,** the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by nurses is an important component of the United States health care delivery system; and

**Whereas,** along with the American Nurses Association, the West Virginia Nurses Association has declared May 6-12, as Nurses Week, with the theme "The Power of Nurses," with appreciation for nurses' unparalleled impact and their contributions to health care, and an open invitation to celebrate #ThePowerOfNurses to enrich our lives and the world we live in.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 6-12, 2026* as:

## *National Nurses Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance and celebration for nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

**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 Sixth 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