

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, the West Virginia Department of Education is entrusted with the education of West Virginian students under its care, and writing skills are essential in virtually every subject area; and

Whereas, the mission of the National Writing Project is to focus the knowledge, expertise, and leadership of educators on sustained efforts to improve writing and learning for all learners; and

Whereas, in furtherance of these goals, the West Virginia Department of Education and National Writing Project sites in West Virginia have, for 40 years, jointly sponsored the West Virginia Young Writers Contest for students in grades 1-12 so that teachers, schools, and counties could collectively recognize and reward excellent student writing; and

Whereas, the winners of the 2026 West Virginia Writers Contest will be honored on Friday, May 8, 2026.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 8, 2026*, as:

Young Writers Day

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 Eighth 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