

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and
- Whereas,** property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.4 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** electrical safety devices such as ground-fault circuit interrupters, arc-fault circuit interrupters, surge protective devices, and tamper-resistant receptacles have saved thousands of lives each year; and
- Whereas,** citizens are urged to install, test, and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms and are advised to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards and to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology; and
- Whereas,** following basic electrical safety precautions and adhering to building codes can help prevent people from being injured or killed each year.

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

Electrical Safety Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school, and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries, and deaths.

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