

# Proclamation

*by Governor Patrick Morrisey*

- Whereas,** promoting the positive mental health of all children, youths, and families is fundamental to the future of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** there has been a continued rise in the number of young people diagnosed with anxiety, depression, and other mental health conditions, and roughly one-in-five youths has a diagnosable mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder – yet many do not receive the help they need; and
- Whereas,** children and youth with mental health needs and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports that are family-driven and youth-guided; and
- Whereas,** the State and communities continue to build a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for children, youths, and families that integrates behavioral health, primary care, education, and child welfare; and
- Whereas,** it is appropriate that *Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week* and *Children's Mental Health Acceptance Day* be set to emphasize the importance of caring for every child's mental well-being and to reinforce the message that positive mental health is essential to a child's overall health and development.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 3-9, 2026*, as:

## *Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week*

and hereby proclaim *May 7, 2026*, as:

## *Children's Mental Health Acceptance Day*

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 Third 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