

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, West Virginia includes a community of older Americans who we wish to recognize for their contributions to our nation; and

Whereas, West Virginia recognizes that older adults are trailblazers—advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and

Whereas, West Virginia is committed to championing health and wellness initiatives that empower older Americans to take an active role in managing their health, accessing preventive care, and making informed decisions that support independent living; and

Whereas, we appreciate the value of prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging, helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and

Whereas, our communities can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by promoting and engaging in wellness activities and community partnerships that emphasize home and community-based services that support independent living, and ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults; and

Whereas, the theme for Older Americans Month 2026, Champion Your Health, underscores the importance of taking charge of one's health journey through preventive care, wellness activities, and informed decision-making that supports aging in place and community participation.

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

Older Americans 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