

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** more than five million Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer each year, making it the most common cancer diagnosed in the United States; and
- Whereas,** every forty-five minutes one American dies from skin cancer; and
- Whereas,** the most common types of skin cancer include melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, which is strongly associated with exposure to UV radiation; and
- Whereas,** individuals can take steps to reduce their risk of developing skin cancer by being sun safe; and
- Whereas,** sun protection helps prevent the harmful effects of UV exposure, which include sunburn, skin cancer, premature skin aging, and eye damage; and
- Whereas,** the U.S. Surgeon General's Office has issued a Call to Action to prevent skin cancer; and
- Whereas,** the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has designated the Friday before Memorial Day as "Don't Fry Day" to encourage sun safety awareness and to remind everyone to protect their skin while enjoying the outdoors.

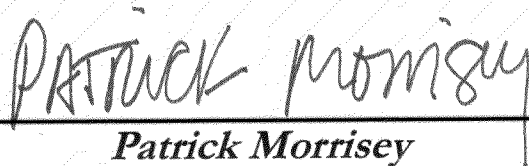
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 22, 2026*, as:

West Virginia Don't Fry 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 22nd 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