

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDGs) are a large and diverse group of inherited metabolic disorders caused by defects in the glycosylation process, a fundamental cellular pathway essential for normal development and function across nearly every organ system; and
- Whereas,** CDGs affect individuals across the lifespan, from infancy through adulthood, and are frequently associated with complex, multi-system involvement including neurological impairment, developmental disability, gastrointestinal disease, endocrine dysfunction, immune dysregulation, vision and hearing loss, and other serious medical complications; and
- Whereas,** advances in genetic testing and clinical recognition indicate that CDGs are more prevalent than previously understood, with current estimates suggesting that tens of thousands of individuals worldwide may be affected, including several thousand individuals in the United States, many of whom remain undiagnosed or misdiagnosed; and
- Whereas,** delayed or missed diagnosis of CDGs can result in prolonged diagnostic journeys, preventable medical complications, limited access to specialized care, and missed opportunities for early intervention, genetic counseling, and emerging treatment options; and
- Whereas,** increasing public, professional, and institutional awareness of CDGs is critical to improving early and accurate diagnosis, expanding access to appropriate multidisciplinary care, advancing research, and supporting individuals and families affected by these rare genetic conditions; and
- Whereas,** a citizen of our state, Isaac David Barker, died at age 19 following complications from this condition on June 1, 2024; and
- Whereas,** May 16th has been designated by the CDG community as a day to recognize, honor, and support individuals living with CDGs, their families and caregivers, and the clinicians, researchers, and advocates working to improve outcomes and quality of life.

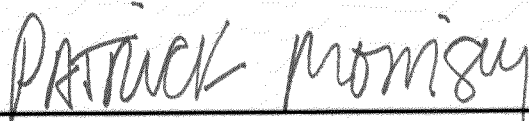
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 16, 2026*, as:

Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) Awareness 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 Sixteenth 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