

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, since the Revolutionary War, Americans have answered the call to duty and given their lives in service to our Nation and its sacred founding ideals. It is our sacred duty to honor those who have borne conflict's greatest cost, to uphold the founding principles they died defending, and to preserve their legacy; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is recognized each year on the last Monday in May as a day of solemn remembrance on which we pay tribute to the noble sacrifices of all Americans who died in service to this nation, that their courage and valor shall never be forgotten, but rather shall continue to inspire and teach future generations the lessons of service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress pursuant to 36 U.S.C. § 116 requested that each year the President of the United States issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day by praying for permanent peace and designating a period on that day for the people of the United States to unite in prayer for permanent peace; and

WHEREAS, by Public Law No. 106-579, the United States Congress has designated the minute beginning at 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day as a time for all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, the memory of all men and women who paid the ultimate price defending the United States is cherished, and they are solemnly remembered on Memorial Day for the

sacrifices they endured to establish and maintain this great nation and its freedoms and liberties and that our remembrance may provide solace to their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, this Memorial Day is a particularly solemn occasion because the United States is nearing the 250th anniversary of its founding and independence; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of West Virginia, in remembrance of the fallen who fought to preserve and protect the blessings of liberty for this great nation, shall join all Americans to honor those who gave their last full measure of devotion on behalf of this country and to support those men and women who serve us now with unwavering devotion in the armed forces at home and in distant lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that all State flags on all State-owned facilities throughout the State, along with the United States flag, be displayed at half-staff from dawn until noon on May 25, 2026; and

DO HEREBY REQUEST that, on this Memorial Day, the citizens of this State display the United States and State of West Virginia flags at half-staff from their homes from dawn until noon, unite in prayer for permanent peace beginning at 11:00 a.m., and observe the National Moment of Remembrance beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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 in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, on this Twenty-Second 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 Monaghan
GOVERNOR

Kris Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE