

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** headache disorders—including migraine, cluster headache, new daily persistent headache, spinal CSF leak, orofacial pain disorders—and other neurological headache diseases, affect more than 40 million Americans and over 1.1 billion people worldwide; and
- Whereas,** an estimated 4 million Americans live with chronic migraine, experiencing symptoms 15 or more days per month, yet access to specialized care remains limited; and
- Whereas,** headache diseases place a severe economic burden, costing U.S. companies over \$78 billion annually in lost productivity and healthcare expenses; and
- Whereas,** veterans and military personnel experience higher rates of post-traumatic headaches and migraines due to traumatic brain injuries sustained in service; and
- Whereas,** there is a severe shortage of headache specialists, with fewer than 800 certified headache medicine specialists nationwide, creating significant barriers to care, particularly for rural and underserved communities; and
- Whereas,** the symptoms of headache disorders extend beyond head pain, often impacting vision, cognitive function, balance, and daily activities, with attacks lasting hours to days; and
- Whereas,** stigma and misinformation have historically stifled research, treatment innovation, and public awareness, leaving many patients undiagnosed and untreated; and
- Whereas,** individuals with headache disorders are at an increased risk for developing depression and suicidal ideation, underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive care and mental health support; and
- Whereas,** it is important to support efforts to improve access to effective treatments to improve the quality of life of those living with headache diseases.

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

Migraine and Headache Awareness 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 June, 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