

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** aphasia is an acquired language disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate through speaking, understanding language, reading, or writing, while leaving intelligence intact; and
- Whereas,** aphasia is most commonly caused by stroke, but may also result from traumatic brain injury, brain tumors, or progressive neurological diseases; and
- Whereas,** approximately two million people in the United States are living with aphasia, including many residents of the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** individuals with aphasia often face significant barriers to communication, employment, healthcare access, and community participation; and
- Whereas,** increased public awareness and understanding of aphasia can reduce stigma, promote inclusion, and support communication access for all individuals; and
- Whereas,** National Aphasia Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to recognize the resilience of people with aphasia, honor their families and care partners, and highlight the importance of accessible communication in our communities.

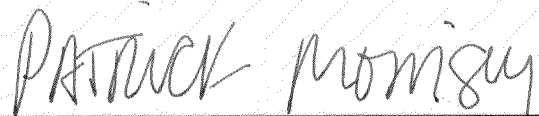
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 2026* as:

National Aphasia 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