

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** appendix cancer, also known as appendiceal cancer, is a rare but serious disease, affecting approximately 2 to 9 people per million each year in the United States; and
- Whereas,** although appendix cancer is genetically distinct from colorectal cancer, its incidence has been rising significantly in recent years, particularly among individuals under the age of 50; and
- Whereas,** due in part to its rarity, appendix cancer is often misunderstood and can be difficult to diagnose, resulting in frequent delays or misdiagnoses that may negatively impact patient outcomes and quality of life; and
- Whereas,** symptoms of appendix cancer may be vague or absent in early stages, and many individuals are not diagnosed until the disease has advanced, making treatment more complex and challenging; and
- Whereas,** treatment for appendix cancer varies based on type and stage, and may include surgery, chemotherapy, and other therapies, underscoring the importance of early detection and increased awareness; and
- Whereas,** patients, survivors, caregivers, healthcare professionals, advocates, and organizations across the country are working together to raise awareness, support research, and improve outcomes for those affected by appendix cancer.

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

Appendix Cancer Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

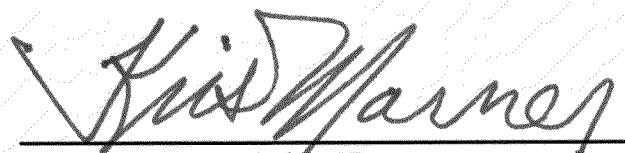
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First Day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State