

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** acts of kindness and compassion strengthen communities and reflect the core values of the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** Peyton Myers, a young student from Hancock County, West Virginia, has demonstrated that leadership and impact are not defined by age, but by heart, initiative, and purpose; and
- Whereas,** at just six years old, Peyton exemplified her belief that “small acts build big character” by learning basic sign language to communicate with a classmate who is hearing impaired, ensuring that her peer felt supported and valued; and
- Whereas,** inspired by this experience, Peyton created ‘Peyton’s Promise,’ a growing initiative that encourages individuals to commit to one small act of kindness each day, whether through simple gestures of compassion or meaningful acts of service within their communities; and
- Whereas,** Peyton’s Promise has already inspired more than one hundred individuals to make their own “pinky promise” to kindness, with participation continuing to grow and spread across all 55 counties of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** this initiative serves as a reminder that small, intentional actions can create a ripple effect of positivity, fostering stronger connections, empathy, and a culture of care throughout our State; and
- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia is proud to recognize and celebrate young leaders who inspire others to serve, uplift, and lead with kindness.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *August 24-28, 2026*, as:

Peyton’s Promise Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance, by committing to daily acts of kindness that build strong character, strengthen communities, and reflect the very best of our State.

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 Twenty-Fourth 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