

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) is a terminal and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the frontal and temporal lobes, causing impairments to behavior, personality, speech, movement and motor skills, and other executive functioning; and
- Whereas,** it takes an average of 3.6 years from start of symptoms to obtain an accurate diagnosis of FTD with average life expectancy of 7- 13 years after start of symptoms; and
- Whereas,** FTD may strike people between the ages of 21 and 80 with the largest percentage of those affected being between 45 and 64; and
- Whereas,** FTD is the most common form of dementia for people under 60 years of age, rendering people in the prime of life unable to work or function normally; and
- Whereas,** FTD imposes average annual costs associated with care and living with the disease that are approximately double those of Alzheimer's disease; and
- Whereas,** FTD is identified in The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and is recognized by the West Virginia Department of Health as a related dementia and is part of the newly created State Dementia Care Plan of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** it is important that there be greater awareness of this serious disease at the local, State, and national levels.

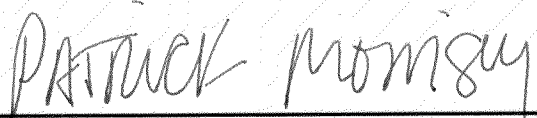
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 28 - October 4, 2026*, as:

Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week

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 Second Day of September, 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