

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and

Whereas, one in 264 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their twentieth birthday; and

Whereas, 41 children per day or 15,500 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and

Whereas, the average age of diagnosis is eight years old; and

Whereas, the prognosis for many types of childhood cancer has not improved in decades; and

Whereas, one out of six children with cancer in the United States does not survive five years; and

Whereas, 73% of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with 42% being classified as severe to life-threatening; and

Whereas, approximately one-half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial strain due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and

Whereas, hundreds of nonprofit organizations at the local, state, and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional, and financial support.

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

Childhood 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 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