

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, September 11, 2026, marks the 25th anniversary of the largest act of terrorism on United States soil, a day forever marked as one of the most infamous in this Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center twin towers in New York City, at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and in southwestern Pennsylvania, acts by terrorists were so horrendous as to sear the souls of man; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, the Congress of the United States adopted Joint Resolution Seventy-One, H.J. Res. 71, Pub. Law No. 107-89 (Dec. 18, 2001) designating September 11th of each year as Patriot Day; and

WHEREAS, in the Serve America Act, Pub. Law No. 111- 13, 123 Stat. 1460 (Apr. 21, 2009), *codified in* 42 U.S.C. § 12653(k), the Congress of the United States also called for the observance of September 11th as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, call upon the citizens of West Virginia to honor the victims of the attack on September 11, 2001, and do hereby **ORDER** that all State flags displayed at all State facilities, along with the flag of the United States, be displayed at half-staff from dawn to dusk on September 11, 2026; and do further **REQUEST** that all citizens of the State of West Virginia observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on that solemn

day to honor the innocent victims who perished on September 11, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



By the Governor

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Tenth 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 Morisy
GOVERNOR

Kris Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE