

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** behavioral health is essential to overall health, and access to evidence-based treatment, peer support, and recovery resources strengthens the foundation of our State; and
- Whereas,** substance use disorders affect individuals, families, and communities across West Virginia, touching lives in every county and community; and
- Whereas,** prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover every day, gaining stability, purpose, and renewed hope; and
- Whereas,** dedicated healthcare providers, peer recovery support specialists, community organizations, and State agencies work tirelessly to expand access to lifesaving resources, reduce stigma, and support individuals on their recovery journeys; and
- Whereas,** individuals in recovery contribute meaningfully to our workforce, communities, and families, serving as inspiring examples of resilience, strength, and transformation; and
- Whereas,** public awareness and community support are vital to encouraging those struggling with addiction to seek help, ensuring no West Virginian has to face the path to recovery alone.

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

National Recovery 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 Ninth 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