

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, substance use disorder continues to impact individuals, families, and communities across West Virginia, and addressing this challenge requires ongoing awareness, compassion, and coordinated community engagement; and

Whereas, recovery is possible, and it is important to recognize and support individuals in recovery, as well as the families, service providers, and community members who contribute to that journey; and

Whereas, through the “*West Virginia Goes Purple*” initiative, communities across the state are encouraged to participate in National Recovery Month each September by promoting awareness, supporting recovery efforts, and demonstrating visible solidarity for those affected by substance use disorder; and

Whereas, in September 2023, West Virginia achieved a historic milestone by coordinating recovery awareness participation across all fifty-five counties during National Recovery Month, reflecting a unified, statewide commitment to recovery and community engagement; and

Whereas, this initiative has continued annually, bringing together county governments, municipalities, businesses, recovery organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and residents in a collaborative effort to promote hope, healing, and long-term recovery.

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

West Virginia Goes Purple

in the Mountain State, and encourage all citizens to participate in activities that support recovery awareness, reduce stigma, and strengthen communities across the Mountain 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 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