

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** this year's National 4-H Week theme, "Beyond Ready," reminds us that 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and equips young people with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today; and
- Whereas,** 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting six million youth across the country; and
- Whereas,** 4-H programs are delivered in our state by the Cooperative Extension System through West Virginia State University Extension Service and West Virginia University Extension – part of a community of more than 100 public Land-Grant Colleges and Universities across the nation – that provides experiences for young people to learn by doing; and
- Whereas,** 4-H is in virtually every county in the United States and helps 6 million youth become engaged, successful and independent; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia 4-H programs boast a combined annual total reach of nearly 95,000 youth across all fifty-five counties, empowering them with lifelong skills; and
- Whereas,** 4-H connects young people and adults to their communities, preparing them for work and life through experiential and inquiry-based learning while providing emerging research for positive youth development; and
- Whereas,** expanding from its strong agricultural roots, 4-H helps young people explore the world around them and grow into productive adults; and
- Whereas,** supporting future leaders in science, agriculture and community leadership is an important imperative championed by West Virginia University Extension and West Virginia State University Extension Service, in alignment with the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture 4-H program.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **October 4-10, 2026**, as:

National 4-H Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

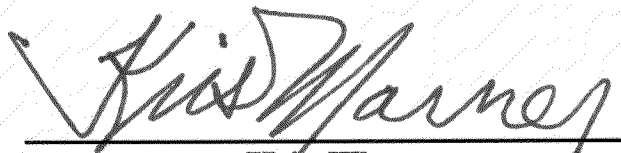
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-First 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