

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** martial arts have long promoted discipline, respect, perseverance, self-control, confidence, and personal responsibility among individuals of all ages; and
- Whereas,** martial arts instructors throughout West Virginia dedicate their time and experience to developing not only skilled martial artists, but responsible and confident members of their communities; and
- Whereas,** martial arts encompass many different styles, traditions, schools, and organizations, each offering unique knowledge and valuable perspectives; and
- Whereas,** bringing martial arts instructors together creates opportunities to share knowledge, learn from one another, and strengthen relationships across styles and organizations; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia martial arts community is united by a shared passion for teaching, personal development, leadership, discipline, and service to others; and
- Whereas,** the Leadership/Martial Arts Day on November 7, 2026, will bring instructors from across West Virginia together for training, education, discussion, and professional development; and
- Whereas,** participants will have the opportunity to train alongside practitioners from different martial arts styles and schools, encouraging mutual respect, understanding, and collaboration; and
- Whereas,** events that unite martial arts leaders help preserve the traditions and knowledge of martial arts while encouraging continued growth and innovation within the community; and
- Whereas,** strengthening relationships among martial arts instructors can benefit students, families, schools, and communities throughout the State of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** November 7, 2026, provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of martial arts instructors and celebrate the positive impact martial arts have on individuals and communities throughout West Virginia.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 7, 2026*, as:

West Virginia Martial Arts Leadership Day

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-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