

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, Dolly Parton was an internationally celebrated singer, songwriter, author, actress, philanthropist, and humanitarian whose extraordinary life and career have inspired people around the world; and

Whereas, Dolly was born and raised in the Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee and remained deeply connected to the people, traditions, values, and spirit of Appalachia throughout her remarkable life; and

Whereas, Dolly's generosity following devastating disasters, including her support for communities affected by the 2016 wildfires in the Appalachian region, demonstrated a profound compassion and neighborly spirit that defined her public life; and

Whereas, Dolly consistently celebrated Appalachia and its people with dignity, humor, pride, and affection, helping the nation and world recognize the incredible culture and character of the Appalachian people; and

Whereas, the people of West Virginia share with Dolly a deep Appalachian heritage rooted in family, faith, resilience, music, storytelling, generosity, and a strong sense of community; and

Whereas, her music has transcended generations and boundaries, while her life story exemplifies perseverance, humility, entrepreneurship, creativity, and the belief that one's circumstances should never limit one's dreams; and

Whereas, through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, millions of children have received free, high-quality books, helping to foster a lifelong love of reading and providing children with opportunities to dream beyond their circumstances; and

Whereas, currently, there are more than 52,000 young children enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of West Virginia, receiving a brand new book directly in their mailbox every single month; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the State of West Virginia honor Dolly Parton and celebrate her remarkable contributions to music, literature, philanthropy, Appalachia, and the lives of countless individuals.

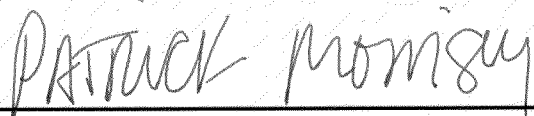
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **September 25, 2026**, as:

Dolly Parton Day

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

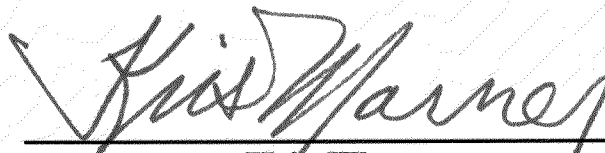
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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