

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** loggers and crew members play an essential role in managing and maintaining forest ecosystems, supporting the economy, and ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources; and
- Whereas,** across the United States, an average of approximately 66 loggers die each year from occupational injuries, with a fatal injury rate of about 98.9 deaths per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers; and
- Whereas,** despite declining employment, across the United States about 6,000 job openings for logging workers are projected each year, on average, over the coming decade; and
- Whereas,** it is of great importance that we continue to increase our efforts to reduce deaths and injuries related to logging; and
- Whereas,** it is fitting that we honor the hard work, dedication, and sacrifices of past and present loggers who have contributed to the growth, prosperity, and preservation of the Great State of West Virginia.

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

West Virginia Loggers Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance to honor loggers and crew members, past and present, who, through faithful and loyal devotion to their work, have rendered invaluable service to Our State and its people.

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 Nineteenth Day of October, 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