

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** promoting the positive mental health of all children, youths, and families is fundamental to the future of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** there has been a continued rise in the number of young people diagnosed with anxiety, depression, and other mental health conditions, and roughly one-in-five youths has a diagnosable mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder – yet many do not receive the help they need; and
- Whereas,** children and youth with mental health needs and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports that are family-driven and youth-guided; and
- Whereas,** the State and communities continue to build a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for children, youths, and families that integrates behavioral health, primary care, education, and child welfare; and
- Whereas,** it is appropriate that *Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week* and *Children's Mental Health Acceptance Day* be set to emphasize the importance of caring for every child's mental well-being and to reinforce the message that positive mental health is essential to a child's overall health and development.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 3-9, 2026*, as:

Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week

and hereby proclaim *May 7, 2026*, as:

Children's Mental Health Acceptance 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 Third Day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



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Governor

By the Governor:

Kris Warner

Kris Warner
Secretary of State