

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** all children in West Virginia should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in West Virginia to be successful adults; and
- Whereas,** quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia is home to a multitude of high-quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and
- Whereas,** educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and
- Whereas,** during the 2023-2024 school year, the Hope Scholarship Program made 5,443 awards to students in nearly every county; and
- Whereas,** during the 2023-2024 school year, a total of 2,270 students are enrolled in public charter schools; and
- Whereas,** on January 14, 2025, Executive Order 2-25 was issued to help ensure that West Virginia had the broadest and most effective school choice program in the nation; and
- Whereas,** *School Choice Week* is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *January 26 - February 1, 2025* as:

### *West Virginia School Choice 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-Seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



  
Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Kris Warner  
Secretary of State