Proclamation by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas-led militants attacked southern Israel killing 1,200 people—mostly civilians, including women, children, and forty-six United States citizens—and abducting 254 others, including twelve United States citizens; and

Whereas, the pain and loss suffered on that day remain in the hearts of families, neighbors, and nations, and a number of hostages, including American citizens and the remains of Americans, are still unaccounted for and in captivity; and

Whereas, since that attack we have witnessed an increase in antisemitic incidents worldwide that threaten the safety and dignity of Jewish communities everywhere; and

Whereas, on this solemn anniversary we honor the victims, remember the missing, and renew our commitment to combat terrorism and all forms of hatred and bigotry; and

Whereas, the citizens of West Virginia desire and intend to reaffirm the State's unwavering support for Israel's right to exist, to defend itself, and to ensure the safety of its people.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 7, 2025*, as a:

Day of Remembrance in West Virginia

and encourage all citizens to join me in observance on this day with solemn reflection, compassion for those affected, and a renewed dedication to peace and to the defense of human dignity.

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 Seventh Day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.

Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:

Kris Warner Secretary of State