

Proclamations

by Governor Patrick Morrissey

Whereas, each year, West Virginia faces catastrophic events such as wildfires, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage – or even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and

Whereas, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and

Whereas, predatory practices by unscrupulous contractors taking advantage of these stressful scenarios ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

Whereas, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

Whereas, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages West Virginians to get at least three written estimates when hiring a contractor, check contractor credentials, and to work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process; and

Whereas, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in West Virginia, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and State officials, are committed to educating West Virginians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

Whereas, the citizens of West Virginia are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fifth annual *Contractor Fraud Awareness Week*, May 19 – 23, 2025.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrissey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 19-23, 2025* as:

Contractor Fraud Awareness 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 Nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



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Governor

By the Governor:
Kris Warner

Kris Warner
Secretary of State