

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Barry Lester Cook was born on the Tenth day of May, Nineteen Hundred Forty-nine, in Williamson, West Virginia, the son of Lester H. Cook and Vicie Catron Cook; and

WHEREAS, Barry Cook graduated from Williamson High School in Nineteen Hundred Sixty-seven; earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from West Virginia University in Nineteen Hundred Seventy-one; and received his Master of Business Administration from Duke University in Nineteen Hundred Ninety-four; and

WHEREAS, Barry Cook was a seasoned forester of Forty-five years and a military veteran; and

WHEREAS, Barry Cook was appointed by Governor Jim Justice to the position of Director, State Forester of the West Virginia Division of Forestry; and

WHEREAS, Director Cook served on executive committees and boards for various organizations prior to his appointment including, the Hardwood Manufacturing Association, the West Virginia Forestry Associations, Pioneer Southern Company, Coastal Lumber Company, Chocoyotte Country Club, and Gutchess Lumber; and

WHEREAS, Director Cook and his wife Donna were former owners and operators of Delightfully Yours Bakery and Cafe in Beckley; he was an associate member of the United Methodist Temple in Beckley and a member of Antioch Baptist Church, Enfield, NC; and

WHEREAS, Director Barry Cook, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, friend, and neighbor, died on the Ninth day of May, Two Thousand Twenty; and

WHEREAS, Director Barry Cook is survived by his wife, Donna Shearin Cook; daughters, Tiffany Cook (Nic) Ntanos and Maggie-Jean Catron Cook; sons, Adam Barry (Lauren) Cook, Tyhler James-Lester Cook, and Logan Bryce-Elliott Cook; grandchildren, Hayley K. (Michael) Belles, Lydia Grace Johnson-Cook, Gregg Cook, Nicholas Cook, and Charlie; sister, Kay Cook Powers; mother-in-law, Linda K. Wrenn; brother-in-law Marvin (Audrey) Shearin; sister-in-law Paula S. (Artie) Elias; and several nephews and nieces; he was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Rolfe A. Cook and Peter C. Cook; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Forestry Director Barry Cook desire to recognize his dedicated public service to the Great State of West Virginia, and to acknowledge his valuable contributions to the State.

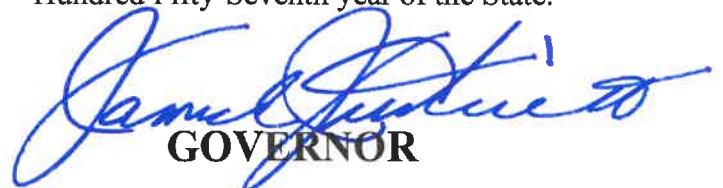
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that, in commemoration of the distinguished life and service of West Virginia Forestry Director Barry Cook, the United States and West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Raleigh County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the Sixteenth day of May, Two Thousand Twenty, celebrating his life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



By the Governor

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE