

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, by joint resolution approved on the first day of October, Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Two (Pub. L. No. 87-726, 76 Stat. 676 (1962)), as amended, the Congress of the United States authorized and requested the President of the United States to designate the fifteenth day of May of each year as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and the week in which it falls as “Police Week”, and by Public Law No. 103-322 (36 U.S.C. §§ 136-137), as amended, directed that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff at all government buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those federal, state, and local officers who have fallen in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement agencies and officers play an essential role in safeguarding the rights, freedoms, and security of the citizens of this State and this country, and it is fitting that tribute be paid to them, especially to those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, on the fifteenth day of May, Two Thousand Twenty, the citizens of West Virginia are encouraged to join all Americans to honor the federal, state, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty, in gratitude to all law enforcement officers in this State and throughout the nation, and in support of their continuing efforts to protect the rights and safety of our citizens and our precious freedoms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in accordance with Public Law No. 103-322 (36 U.S.C. §§ 136-137), as amended, do hereby **ORDER** that all State flags displayed at State facilities throughout the State be displayed, along with the United States flag, at half-staff the fifteenth day of May, Two Thousand Twenty.

**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 in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, on 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**



**By the Governor**



**SECRETARY OF STATE**