

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Gene A. Haynes was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, the son of Delana A. and Gladys (Bane) Haynes; and

WHEREAS, Gene A. Haynes graduated from Parkersburg High School and went onto Marietta College, where he graduated in 1953; he played football during his high school and college years; and

WHEREAS, Gene A. Haynes served in the United States Navy as a cryptographer and was stationed in Washington, D.C., and overseas in Morocco; and

WHEREAS, Gene A. Haynes joined State Farm Insurance in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Nine, served as an agent for sixty-one years, and was serving policy holders in his office only days prior to his passing; and

WHEREAS, Gene A. Haynes was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in Nineteen Hundred Seventy, serving three terms; he was elected delegate to the Republican National Committee for multiple presidential nominating conventions, and served as a member of the Parkersburg City Council in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Six; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Gene A. Haynes was active in his community, serving in numerous roles at the Parkersburg YMCA, including as its Physical Director, General Secretary, and Co-

Chair of the Building Committee in charge of constructing the “Y’s” current homes, and fundraising activities for the YMCA brought popular theatrical and musical events to Parkersburg; he was a life-long member of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, where he taught bible class and volunteered in support of their youth programs; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Gene A. Haynes, as a child, was a Boy Scout and proud Eagle Scout, remaining involved serving as a Boy Scout leader; he was the recipient of the Boy Scouts’ of America Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service in Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Six; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Gene A. Haynes, a committed and respected public servant, and a devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and neighbor, died on the Nineteenth day of December, Two Thousand Twenty; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Gene A. Haynes is survived by his daughters, Leslie Haynes-DuBeau (Matthew) and Stacy Haynes Archer; grandchildren, Henry Austin and August Michael DuBeau; nieces and nephews of several generations; he was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joyce (Cassis) Haynes; and brothers Roy and Glen Haynes; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Delegate Gene A. Haynes 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 Delegate Gene A. Haynes, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Wood County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the Twenty-Ninth day of December, Two Thousand Twenty, the day of services 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 Twenty-Eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.

James G. Justice
GOVERNOR

Mrs. Warner

SECRETARY OF STATE