

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

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Mark Elliot Horwich was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on the twenty-second day of January, Nineteen Hundred Sixty-eight, the son of Deanna Dean (Johnson) Horwich and the late Bruce T. Horwich; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Horwich graduated from Westside High School in Omaha, Nebraska, and earned an Associate of Science degree in Mathematics from Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Horwich joined the Boys Town Fire Department in Boys Town, Nebraska in Two Thousand One and rose to the rank of Captain; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Horwich moved to West Virginia in Two Thousand Fifteen; he became a member of the Spencer-Roane Volunteer Fire Department in January, Two Thousand Sixteen and a member of the Clover-Roane Volunteer Fire Department in September, Two Thousand Seventeen, serving as a training officer at both departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Horwich was a seasoned firefighter, educated, and experienced in all aspects and nuances of public service; he earned the respect of his community and all those he worked with for his commitment to Roane County, his profession and service to the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Horwich died in the line of duty on the eleventh day of January, Two Thousand Twenty; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Horwich is survived by his wife, Sarah Ferrell Horwich; his children, Pierce Horwich, Levan Horwich, and Genevieve Horwich; his mother, Deanna Dean (Johnson) Horwich Caniglia; his step-father, Larry Caniglia; his four sisters, Julie (Larry) Widman, Suzanne (Darren) Horwich, Kristi Rhoads, and Jill (Kevin) Chavez; his brother, Danny (Katie) Horwich; special family member, Anna Martinez; and many nephews, nieces, extended family, and his brother and sisters in the fire service; he was predeceased by his father, Bruce T. Horwich and step-father, Harold “Skee” Fisher.

**WHEREAS**, all West Virginians mourn the tragic loss of this brave son who gave his life to protect his fellow man and advance the common good, and sympathy on their behalf is extended to his wife, children, and loved ones, to his many friends, to members of the Clover-Roane Volunteer Fire Department family with whom he served faithfully and honorably, and to all those who knew and loved him.

**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 Mark Elliot Horwich, the United States flag and West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Roane County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the eighteenth day of January, 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 sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-seventh year of the State.

*James Justice*  
**GOVERNOR**

*Mac Warner*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**