

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Stanislaw F. Drwall was born in Douglas, Tucker County, West Virginia, in Nineteen Hundred Sixteen, the son of May and Frank Drwall; and

WHEREAS, Stanislaw Drwall was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma on the seventh day of December, Nineteen Hundred Forty-one as a Navy Patternmaker 1st Class; and

WHEREAS, Navy Patternmaker 1st Class Stanislaw Drwall was on the USS Oklahoma when it was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft, sustaining multiple torpedo hits and quickly capsizing, resulting in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Navy Patternmaker 1st Class Stanislaw Drwall; and

WHEREAS, from December 1941 to June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the crew, which were subsequently interred in Honolulu cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, Navy Patternmaker 1st Class Stanislaw Drwall's remains were exhumed from a Honolulu cemetery in Two Thousand Fifteen and identified on the twenty-fifth day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-One; and

WHEREAS, Navy Patternmaker 1st Class Stanislaw Drwall made the supreme sacrifice for his country and brought honor to his family, to his community, to his State, and to his country, and this native son has now returned home.

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 on the fifth day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-One, all United States and State flags displayed at all State facilities be displayed at half-staff from dawn to dusk in honor of Navy Patternmaker 1st Class Stanislaw Drwall.

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 fifth day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.



James Justice
GOVERNOR

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