

State of West Virginia

Jim Justice

Governor

WHEREAS, Richard Withrow began working on the West Virginia State Capitol Building in 1955 as an apprentice painter with W.Q. Watters Company; and

WHEREAS, Richard Withrow completed the restoration of the exterior dome which was the first of many projects he was responsible for in the Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, Richard Withrow supervised the refurbishment of the interior rotunda as a master painter in 1997 where he was responsible for the replication of the details of the original painter; and

WHEREAS, Richard Withrow had the incredible honor of supervising the exterior renovation of the Governor's Mansion in 2020 and will continue supervision of the interior renovations in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Richard Withrow has diligently instructed painters in the current restoration project of the inner dome, exterior dome, and rotunda to adopt and replicate historic methods of painting and glazing to match the original finishes; and

WHEREAS, Richard Withrow has performed or supervised the operations of many imperative renovation projects that have been completed at the West Virginia State Capitol Building throughout his six decades of service; and

WHEREAS, Richard Withrow has displayed immeasurable dedication to the historic preservation of the Capitol Building, which is a testament to the pride that he has for the Great State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Richard Withrow has been invited by the State to sign his name alongside the original painters to honor his service and important place in our history; and


WHEREAS, Richard Withrow is a caring and giving person; his dedication and commitment to his family, friends, and the State of West Virginia has been an outstanding commitment to us all.

THEREFORE, I, Jim Justice, Governor of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **Richard Withrow** to be a

Distinguished Mountaineer

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia on, the 1st day of March, in the year of our Lord, 2021.




Jim Justice
Governor