

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Michael “Joe” Minard was born on January 5, 1923, in Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia, the son of the late Michael Joseph and Rose Oliverio Minard; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Minard was a graduate of St. Mary’s High School and received his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from West Virginia University; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Minard was a United States Army veteran, having served stateside during the Korean Conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Minard was the owner and operator of Minard’s Spaghetti Inn in Clarksburg, West Virginia since 1955; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Minard was elected to serve in the West Virginia House of Delegates from 1983 to 1990 and the West Virginia Senate from 1990 to 1994 and from 1998 to 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Joe Minard was a commissioner for the Harrison County Commission, and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Columbian Club, Sons of Italy, Knights of Columbus, Clarksburg Lion’s Club, Clarksburg Serra Club, and the WVU Alumni Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Joe Minard, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, and neighbor, died on January 17, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Joe Minard is survived by his two sons, Michael (Mary) Minard and Samuel (Christine) Minard; daughters, Michele Minard, Marisa Minard Veltri, Marcia (Dave) Black, and Maria (Kenneth) Yoakum; fifteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia Ann (Tom) Hostutler; and several nieces and nephews; and was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, JeanAnn DeMeester Minard, and second wife, Mary Contento Minard; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Senator Joe Minard 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 Senator Joe Minard, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Harrison County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on January 24, 2022, 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.

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-First day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth Year of the State.



**By the Governor**

  
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**SECRETARY OF STATE**