

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Edwin F. Flowers was born on April 26, 1930, in New Manchester, Hancock County, West Virginia, the son of the late Walter Edwin Flowers and Stella Marie Ulbright Flowers; and

**WHEREAS**, Edwin Flowers earned a Bachelor of Arts degree as a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of West Virginia University in 1953 and LLB in 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Edwin Flowers served as president of the student body, president of his fraternity chapter, cadet colonel of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training, a member of the WVU Marching Band, and a member of the WVU championship debate team, while attending WVU; and

**WHEREAS**, Edwin Flowers was awarded Most Loyal Faculty and Staff Mountaineer in 1999 and was inducted into the Order of Vandalia, an award for the most loyal servants to West Virginia University, in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Edwin Flowers was assigned to active duty in the Judge Advocate General's Corps at Nellis Air Force Base in 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Edwin Flowers was appointed as Commissioner of Welfare for the State of West Virginia in 1969 by the late Governor Arch Moore; and

**WHEREAS**, Edwin Flowers was appointed to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals in 1975 and became United States bankruptcy judge for the Southern District of West Virginia in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Edwin Flowers was selected as vice president for institutional advancement at West Virginia University by E. Gordon Gee in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Justice Edwin Flowers, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, friend, colleague, and neighbor, passed away on January 27, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Justice Edwin Flowers is survived by his wife, Ellie Flowers; two daughters, Ann Flowers and Melissa (Ty) Newberry; grandchildren, Adam (Ashley) Flowers and Kathryn (Sean) Hendricks; great-grandchildren, Matthew Hendricks and Jack Flowers; and was preceded in death by his parents; son, John Flowers; and brothers, Ronald Flowers and Dale Flowers; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Justice Edwin F. Flowers 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 Supreme Court Justice Edwin F. Flowers, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Hancock County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on February 22, 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 February, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth Year of the State.



**By the Governor**

*James E. Justice*  
**GOVERNOR**

*Mrs. Warner*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**