

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Sheriff Thomas E. Baker, III, gave his life in the line of duty, protecting the citizens of Nicholas County; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to becoming a deputy sheriff, Thomas E. Baker graduated from Nicholas County High School in 1991, where he was often known as “Tex,” next attending Concord College, and then graduating the West Virginia Police Training Class in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to serving as a Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff, he was also a member and deacon of Restoration Fellowship Church and a member of the Summersville Masonic Lodge #76; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Sheriff Thomas E. Baker was a great deputy and a great friend to many in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Sheriff Thomas Edward Baker, III, of Summersville, West Virginia, passed away on June 3, 2022, at the age of 48; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Sheriff Thomas E. Baker is survived by his wife, Jamie D. Louk Baker, his two children, Timothy Baker and Kristen Baker, and his two step-children, William Lemasters and Lilly Meadows, as well as his grandmother, Sarah Jackson of Widen, his Mother and Father-in-Law, Charles and Patty Louk of Summersville, his sisters, Michelle Brown (David) of Lexington, Kentucky and Tammy Long (Mike) of Salisbury, North Carolina, his nieces, Alisha Hinkle and Hannah Grim, his nephews, Matthew Baker, Aaron Evans, and Marcus Evans, and several great nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, all West Virginians mourn the tragic loss of this brave son who gave his life to protect and serve his community in emergency situations, and sympathy on their behalf is extended to his loved ones, his many friends, members of the Nicholas Sheriff Department family with whom he served faithfully and honorably, and to all those who knew and loved him; and

**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 Deputy Sheriff Thomas Edward Baker, III, the United States flag and West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Nicholas County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on June 8, 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.



**By the Governor**

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

  
**GOVERNOR**

  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**