

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Robert Brand Stone was born on December 18, 1943, in Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia, and was the son of the late Ward Day Stone and Dorothy Brand Stone; and

WHEREAS, Robert Stone graduated from Morgantown High School in 1961, and graduated from West Virginia University in 1965 with a degree in Industrial Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Robert Stone earned his law degree in 1968 from West Virginia University Law School; and

WHEREAS, Robert Stone started his legal career as the law clerk for Chief Judge Robert Maxwell of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Elkins, then later returned to Morgantown to begin his law practice with his father, Ward D. Stone, and his brother, Ward D. Stone, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Stone served in the West Virginia House of Delegates from 1971-1974, and in 1981 he became an assistant prosecuting attorney for Monongalia County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stone was appointed judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit by Governor Arch Moore, he was then elected as Circuit Court Judge of Monongalia County in 1986, 1992, and 2000, where he served as Chief Justice many of those years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stone retired in 2008 and continued as senior status judge until his death; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stone was instrumental in the organization and planning for the Monongalia County Adult Drug Court, and he was a member of the Court Improvement Program Oversight Board and frequent presenter at educational conferences for judges and magistrates state-wide; and

WHEREAS, Judge Robert Stone is survived by his wife, Susanne Ponck Stone; six children, Kevin Stone and his fiancé Cori Skidmore, Jonathan Stone and wife, Natalie, Sarah Stone and Craig Lough, Kim Keever and husband, David, Robin St. Clair and husband Mitch, and Megan Stone; eight grandchildren, Caitlyn Rae Stone, Addie Spooner, Mackenzie Johns, Aubrey Keever, Cheyenne Keever, Sophie St. Clair, Ellie St. Clair, and Will St. Clair, he also survived by a brother Ward D. (Jerry) Stone, Jr., and wife Kay Lynne, sister-in-law Jo Watts, nieces Kelly Belt, and Kelly Foreman, and nephew Mike Watts. He was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, John Ponck and Tom Watts, and nephew, Carter Stone; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and colleagues and associates of Judge Robert B. Stone desire to recognize his dedicated public service to the Great State of West Virginia, and to acknowledge his many valuable contributions to the State;

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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 Judge Robert Brand Stone, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Monongalia County, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on November 11, 2023, 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 Ninth Day of November, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First Year of the State.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jim Justice".

GOVERNOR

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mac Warner".

SECRETARY OF STATE