

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Forester Cody John Mullens, 28, of Mt. Hope, West Virginia, passed away in the performance of his official duties on April 13, 2023 at Armstrong Creek, near Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, Cody J. Mullens was the son of John Dayton and Debra Lynn Barnette Mullens; and

WHEREAS, Cody J. Mullens was a forester, and a member of the West Virginia Division of Forestry, who loved the outdoors and, most of all, loved his family, friends, job, and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, Forester Cody J. Mullens gave his life in the line of duty protecting the citizens of Fayette County doing a job that he dearly loved; and

WHEREAS, Cody J. Mullens is survived, in addition to his parents, by his companion, Brittany Leann Ferguson; daughter, Hazel Grace Ferguson; sister, Emily Rose (Jacob); grandmother, Iris Mullens; and four uncles and two aunts; and

WHEREAS, all West Virginians mourn the tragic loss of this brave son who gave his life to protect and save people in emergency situations, and sympathy on their behalf is extended to his loved ones, his many friends, members of the West Virginia Division of Forestry family with whom he served faithfully and honorably, and to all those who knew and loved him.

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 Forester Cody John Mullens, the United States flag and West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Fayette County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on April 19, 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.



By the Governor

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Eighteenth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth Year of the State.

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

GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE