

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Jack Jordan Roop was born on April 27, 1933, in Kentucky, the son of the late William Gordon Roop and Delsie Mae Artip; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Roop was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, leading him to the successful business ventures of Bluestone Motors, Acme Bonding, Merchants Adjustment, Rosa Realty, Egnor Monument, and a cattle company; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Roop began his political career in 1976 after winning his bid as a Raleigh County Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Roop was elected to serve in the West Virginia House of Delegates from 1982 to 1992 representing the 27<sup>th</sup> District for five consecutive terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Jack Roop retired from the West Virginia House of Delegates until Governor Gaston Caperton requested he serve as Executive Director of the West Virginia Regional Jail Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Jack Roop retired again in 1995 and was requested once more to serve on the West Virginia State Treasury Staff, where he set up offices and networks throughout the state to better serve the citizens of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Jack Roop officially retired from the state in 2020 at the age of 86; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Jack Roop proudly served on the Maxwell Hill Community Association, Raleigh County Red Cross, Beckley-Raleigh County YMCA; Treasurer, Beckley Little League, YMCA Basketball, Board of Public Defenders, President of Raleigh County Cattleman's Association, Beckley Moose Lodge, Lilian James Center; Chairman of the Board of Directors, Raleigh County Airport Authority, Chairman of Beckley Christian School, President of the West Virginia Collector's Association, Raleigh County Commission on Aging; Chairman of the Board of Directors, and founder of the Maxwell Hill Scholarship Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Jack Roop is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Frances, son, Bill (Jan), daughter Mary Jacqueline, and a son, Jack "Gordie" (Robin); seven grandchildren, Matthew (Jenna), Nicholas, Austin, Jayce (Mikaila), Isaac, Isabell, and Logan, in addition to, three great granddaughters, Mila, Aspen, and Charlee; one brother, Paul W. Roop Sr., and one brother-in-law, Bill Calhoun and a multitude of dear nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Delegate Jack Roop 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 Delegate Jack Roop, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Beckley and Raleigh County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on February 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.



**By the Governor**

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

*James E. Justice*  
**GOVERNOR**

*Mpc Warner*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**