

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, William Wayne Bailey, Jr. was born on June 7, 1957, in Bluefield, Mercer County, West Virginia, the son of Ellen Jack Lester Lusk and the late William Wayne Bailey; and

WHEREAS, William Wayne Bailey, Jr. was a graduate of Herndon High School, attended Morris Harvey College, and Marshall University; and

WHEREAS, William Wayne Bailey, Jr. served from 1978 to 1984, in the 1092nd Combat Engineers Battalion of the National Guard and then spent 15 years with the Air National Guard's 130th Airlift Wing; and

WHEREAS, William Wayne Bailey, Jr. was appointed to serve in the West Virginia Senate in 1991, elected in 1992 and again in 1996, and served the citizens of West Virginia in that capacity from 1991 to 2004, during which time he served as the Senate Majority Whip and served on numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator William Wayne Bailey, Jr. joined the West Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs as deputy secretary under former Secretary Keith Gwinn, who was appointed by former Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, and he served in that role until 2019; and

WHEREAS, Senator William Wayne Bailey, Jr., a committed and respected public servant and a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, friend, and neighbor, died on May 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Senator William Wayne Bailey, Jr. is survived by his wife Allison Hughart; his children, Isabella Poeder (Jonathan), Sophia Bailey, Lindsay Garrison, and William Bailey III; two grandchildren; Oliver Poeder and Lillian Puckett; and his mother, Ellen Jack Lester Lusk; and was preceded in death by his father, William Wayne Bailey, and his son, Richard Bailey; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Senator William Wayne Bailey, Jr. 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 Senator William Wayne Bailey, Jr., the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Cabell County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on June 3, 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 Second day of June, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth Year of the State.



By the Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Justice', with a stylized flourish at the end.

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mac Warner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

SECRETARY OF STATE