

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Virgil Douglas “Skipper” Miller was born on October 18, 1953, in Webster Springs, West Virginia, the son of the late Virgil E. Miller and Nadine Virginia Knight; and

WHEREAS, Skipper Miller served in the United States Army as part of the military police and was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany; and

WHEREAS, having returned from service, Skipper Miller began his public service with the Webster County Sheriff’s Office in 1977, serving in Webster County, Upshur County, and Lewis County over the years; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career in public service, Sheriff Miller also served as Magistrate in Upshur County and as Chief of the Buckhannon Police Department for three years; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Miller was elected to his 5th term as Sheriff of Upshur County in 2020, making him the longest serving active Sheriff in West Virginia, and was bestowed a Lifetime Membership with the West Virginia Sheriffs’ Association for his unwavering service to the State; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Miller is survived by his wife of 29 years, Susan K. Carter Miller; three sons, Shawn Miller, Shane Miller and wife Pamela, and Tyler L. Miller and wife Kodi; two stepdaughters, Tara Hughes and husband Chris, and Toni Kiser and husband Scott; nine grandchildren, Madisson, Corey, and Kaiden Miller, Tim “T.J.” Miller, Beverly Miller, Miner and Landree Miller, and Avery Hughes; one great-grandson, Jace Stokes; one brother, Jack Miller and wife Dreama; and two sisters, Martha McCourt and Anna Marie Lehman; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Sheriff Miller 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 Sheriff Virgil Douglas “Skipper” Miller, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Lewis, Upshur, and Webster County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on April 8, 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 Sixth Day of April, 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, reading "Jim Justice".

GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE