

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Robert R. "Bobby" Nelson was born on the ninth day of October, Nineteen Hundred Thirty-four, in Whitesville, Boone County, the son Joda and Opal Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Nelson graduated from Sherman High School and then served in the United States Marine Corps from Nineteen Hundred Fifty-three to Nineteen Hundred Fifty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Nelson graduated from Marshall University in Nineteen Hundred Sixty with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Arts in Nineteen Hundred Sixty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Nelson served as a Delegate from Nineteen Hundred Sixty-five to Nineteen Hundred Seventy in the West Virginia House of Delegates and served as a Senator from Nineteen Hundred Seventy-one to Nineteen Hundred Eighty-five, during his time in the West Virginia Legislature he served on the Education, Judiciary, and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committees; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Nelson became the owner and operator of Nelson's Corner Grocery in Nineteen Hundred Eighty-one; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Nelson served as Mayor of Huntington from Nineteen Hundred Eighty-five to Nineteen Hundred Ninety-three; during his tenure, he founded the Carter G. Woodson Foundation and secured city funds to match an important grant for the Madie Carroll House Preservation Society; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bobby Nelson, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and neighbor, died on the Fourteenth day of March, Two Thousand Nineteen; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bobby Nelson is survived by his son, Philip Nelson (Jill); daughter, Christine Nelson Preservati (Nicholas); four grandchildren and three sisters; he was preceded in death by his father, Joda; mother, Opal; and his brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Senator Bobby Nelson 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 Bobby Nelson, the United States and West Virginia State flag 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 the Nineteenth day of March, Two Thousand Nineteen, 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 Eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.

James G. Hatfield
GOVERNOR

Mac Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE