

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Cassie Marie Johnson was born in West Virginia, on the twenty-fifth day of September, Nineteen Hundred Ninety-two, the daughter of Sheryl S. Casto; and

**WHEREAS**, Cassie Johnson graduated from Capital High School and later graduated from the 177th Basic Class of the West Virginia State Police Academy on the third day of May, Two Thousand Nineteen; and

**WHEREAS**, Cassie Johnson joined the City of Charleston as a Humane Officer on the second day of October, Two Thousand Seventeen and was sworn into the Charleston Police Department as Patrolman on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, Two Thousand Nineteen; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrolman Cassie Johnson responded to a call on the first day of December, Two Thousand Twenty and was shot in the line duty; and

**WHEREAS**, this horrific incident sent immediate shock waves throughout the law enforcement community and citizenry of the State of West Virginia and caused an outpouring of grief and concern; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrolman Cassie Johnson was a seasoned officer of the law, educated and experienced in all aspects of public service, she earned the respect of her community and all those she worked with for her commitment to Kanawha County, her profession, and her service of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Cassie Johnson died in the line of duty on the third day of December, Two Thousand Twenty; and

**WHEREAS**, Cassie Johnson is survived by her pets, Gus, Tanner, Rascal, and Momma Cat; her mother, Sheryl S. Casto; her brother, Charles Terrance (Jessica) Johnson; her sister, Chelsea Johnson; her uncles, Willard “Bubby” (Rose) Casto, Emil (Jeanie) Gore; her aunts, Judy Linzy and Karen Rectenwald; several cousins, extended family, friends; and her brother and sisters in Blue; she was predeceased by her chocolate lab, Emma.

**WHEREAS**, all West Virginians mourn the tragic loss of this brave daughter who gave her life to protect her fellow man and advance the common good, and sympathy on their behalf is extended to her loved ones, her many friends, members of the City of Charleston Police Department family with whom she served faithfully and honorably, and to all those who knew and loved her.

**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 Patrolman Cassie Marie Johnson, the United States flag and West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Kanawha County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the eighth day of December, Two Thousand Twenty, the day of services celebrating her 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 seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-eighth year of the State.

  
**GOVERNOR**

  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**