

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Raymond Peak was born in Decota, West Virginia, the son of George T. Peak and Rose Ethel (Slater) Peak; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Peak graduated from East Bank High School and then started Morris Harvey College at the age of sixteen after being double promoted; and he moved to Hurricane upon his college graduation and made the town his home; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Peak was elected as Recorder of the City of Hurricane in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-one, then elected as Mayor in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-seven, where he proceeded to serve multiple terms as mayor over a period of 6 decades totaling 40 years as the mayor of Hurricane; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Raymond Peak served the counties of Putnam and Mason Counties in the West Virginia House of Delegates from Nineteen Hundred Seventy-three to Nineteen Hundred Seventy-seven, where he was instrumental in the organization of the Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Raymond Peak demonstrated a true commitment to education and the students of the Hurricane community by teaching school and directing the band at Hurricane High School upon his graduation from college and then began a band program at Hannan High School in Mason County. He then went on to direct the Winfield High School band and finally ended his teaching career back at Hurricane High School; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Raymond Peak built the original City Hall on Virginia Avenue, the current Hurricane Municipal Building on Teays Valley Road and gave the Hurricane Fire Department its first home at the original City Hall building. He helped to develop Hurricane from the small town it was at the beginning of his public service in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-one to the vibrant community it grew to be; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Raymond Peak, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died on the Tenth day of May, Two Thousand Nineteen; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Roy Givens is survived by his son, Douglas; daughters, Veneta (Gary) Eggleton and Jane E. Peak; grandchildren Chris and Carrie Eggleton; Kristina (Andrew) Keith , Kimberly (Nickie) Algee, Douglas "Dougie" (Anna) Peak and greatgrandchildren Matthew, Jenna, Armani, Kevin ("Braden"), Jayden, Gloria and Eron; he was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gloria; his brothers and their spouses: Henry (Mary); George Thomas, Jr. (Willene); Archie (Rita "Micky") and Meril (Jackie, Bonnie); and a sister Emma; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Mayor Raymond Peak desire to recognize his dedicated public service to the City of Hurricane and to the Great State of West Virginia, and to acknowledge his valuable contributions.

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 and Mayor Raymond Peak, the United States and West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Putnam County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the Nineteenth day of May, 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 Fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.

James G. Cantwell
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE