

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, George Herbert Walker Bush, the forty-first President of the United States, died on the thirtieth day of November, Two Thousand Eighteen at the age of 94; and

**WHEREAS**, George Bush served two terms as Vice President to President Ronald Reagan, as the forty-third Vice President of the United States, and becoming the first sitting vice president to be elected to the presidency since 1836; and

**WHEREAS**, George Bush took the Oath of Office on January 20, 1989, and served until January 20, 1993, following his defeat in the 1992 Presidential Election; and

**WHEREAS**, George Bush, served in the United States Navy during World War II, becoming the youngest naval pilot at the age of 18 and carrying out 58 combat missions, winning him the Distinguished Flying Cross; and

**WHEREAS**, George Bush attended Yale University as an undergraduate, following his honorable military discharge; where he captained the Yale baseball team and played in the first two College World Series as a left-handed first baseman; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1966 George Bush was elected to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, serving one term before an unsuccessful run for the Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, during his Administration, President Busb signed numerous major bills into law including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; increased federal spending for education, childcare, and advanced technology research; and was able to tout many notable accomplishments in the area of foreign policy, including winning the first Gulf War; and

**WHEREAS**, President George H.W. Bush was known for his authenticity and wit and

inspired generations of Americans to public service, often using the theme “thousand points of light”; and

**WHEREAS**, this nation and nations throughout the world today mourn a beloved President, George Herbert Walker Bush.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in accordance with U.S. Code (4 U.S.C. 76m) and a declaration from the President issued on the first day of December, Two Thousand Eighteen, do hereby **ORDER** that in honor and commemoration of President George Herbert Walker Bush, all State flags displayed at all State facilities, along with all United States flags, shall be displayed at half-staff for thirty days, from the date of this Proclamation through the thirtieth day of December, Two Thousand Eighteen, and do further

**DECLARE** that condolences are extended to his five children; his seventeen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two siblings; and to other family and loved ones.

**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, on this the first day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Jim Justice', is written over a white rectangular background. Below the signature, the word 'GOVERNOR' is printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Mac Warner', is written over a white rectangular background.

**SECRETARY OF STATE**