

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, MSG Nicholas Sheperty was born in Lynchburg, Virginia on the twenty-eighth day of January, Nineteen Hundred Eighty-three, the son of Mona Sheperty and the late George Sheperty; and

WHEREAS, MSG Nicholas Sheperty was a student at the University of Maryland; he enlisted in the United States Military in 2002, serving in the Marine Corps Special Operations Command, serving multiple tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan, before he joined the West Virginia National Guard in 2010; and

WHEREAS, MSG Nicholas Sheperty was a member of the elite Green Berets and served as a Senior Weapons Sergeant assigned to the Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Kingwood, Preston County, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, MSG Nicholas Sheperty was an experienced military free fall jumpmaster with over 200 high-altitude jumps; and

WHEREAS, MSG Nicholas Sheperty was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon, NATO Medal and numerous other awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, MSG Nicholas Sheperty is survived by his girlfriend, Anna; his mother, Mona Sheperty; his brother and sister, Joseph Sheperty and Gretchen Sheperty; his sister-in-law, Becca and he was predeceased by his father, George Sheperty; and

WHEREAS, MSG Nicholas Sheperty, a committed and respected service member and a devoted family member, died in a tragic training exercise at Suffolk Executive Airport in Virginia on the seventeenth of April, Two Thousand Nineteen; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends and service members of the West Virginia National Guard desire to recognize MSG Nicholas Sheperty's dedicated service to the Great State of West Virginia and United States of America, and to acknowledge his valuable contributions to the State and United States of America.


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 MSG Nicholas Sheperty, that all United States flags and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Preston County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff **IMMEDIATELY** until dusk on eighteenth day of June, Two Thousand Nineteen.

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 seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE