

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Thomas E. McHugh was born March 26, 1936, in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, to the late Paul and Melba McHugh; and

WHEREAS, Thomas McHugh graduated from Charleston Catholic High School in 1954, from West Virginia University in 1958 as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1964; and

WHEREAS, While in law school Thomas McHugh was a member of The Order of the Coif, a legal honorary, and was associate editor of the West Virginia Law Review; and

WHEREAS, Thomas McHugh served as First Lieutenant in the United State Army from 1958 to 1961; and

WHEREAS, Thomas McHugh married his wife, Judy, on March 14, 1959; and

WHEREAS, Thomas McHugh was a law clerk to West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Harlan Calhoun from 1966 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, Judge McHugh was elected Kanawha County Circuit Judge in 1974, re-elected in 1976, and served as Chief Circuit Judge from 1974 to 1980; and

WHERE AS, Justice McHugh was first elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in 1980, re-elected in 1992, and retired at the end of 1997, having served as Chief Justice on several occasions; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Justice McHugh practiced law in Charleston until September 2008, when he was appointed as Senior Status Justice to sit on the Court during Justice Joseph Albright's illness; and

WHEREAS, Justice McHugh continued in this role after Justice Albright's death in March 2009 when then-Governor Joe Manchin appointed him to serve until the 2010 general election; and

WHEREAS, Justice McHugh was elected to serve the rest of Justice Albright's term, which ended December 31, 2012, before returning to private practice, concentrating on mediation; and

WHEREAS, Justice McHugh served on numerous boards and committees and has received many awards; and

WHEREAS, Justice McHugh was preceded in death by his father, Paul McHugh, and his mother, Melba McHugh; and

WHEREAS, Justice McHugh is survived by his wife, Judith; their four children, Karen McHugh (John Morehouse), Cindy McHugh (Mark Henderson), James McHugh (Marianna McHugh), John McHugh (Greta McHugh); seven grandchildren, Heather McHugh (Andrew Vandenberg), Kati Whyard (Jordan Whyard), Tom Reckard, Grace McHugh (Tim Rant), Olivia McHugh, Jameson McHugh (Samaria McHugh) and Meredith McHugh; two great-grandchildren, Jackson Whyard and Savannah Whyard; his sister, Sandra Buckalew (Wayne Buckalew); niece, Lisa Sayre (Tim Sayre); and great-niece, Kerri Canterbury (David Canterbury); and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Justice Thomas E. McHugh 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, PATRICK MORRISEY, 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 Justice Thomas E. McHugh, the United States and West Virginia State flags 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 January 29, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fourth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second Year of the State.



By the Governor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick Morrisey".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kris Warner".

SECRETARY OF STATE