

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Douglas “Doug” John Skaff, Jr. was born on November 10, 1976, in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, to Douglas John Skaff, Sr. and Maryann Skaff; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff graduated from South Charleston High School in 1995, from West Virginia University in 2000 with a bachelor of science degree in marketing, and from West Virginia University in 2001 with a master’s degree in labor and industrial relations; and

WHEREAS, while at West Virginia University, Doug Skaff served as student body president, and was a co-founder of the Mountaineer Maniacs and West Virginia Up All Night, both of which continue to be popular enrichments to student life; and

WHEREAS, in his own words, Doug Skaff was “passionate about serving the people of West Virginia,” a sentiment that he exemplified; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff represented the 57th District in Kanawha County, West Virginia, in the West Virginia House of Delegates from 2008 to 2014, and from 2018 to 2023, served as minority leader in 2020 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff resigned from the House of Delegates in 2023 but remained committed to serving the State he loved; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff was a prolific and successful businessman, serving as the owner and partner of Building & Remodeling Warehouse, LLC since 2010, as a principal partner in Skaff Family Limited since 2014, as the president of HD Media Charleston Gazette-Mail and Herald Dispatch of Huntington since 2020, as the current interim executive director of the West Virginia

Press Association, and as a recent co-owner of Fazio's Italian Restaurant in Charleston, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff was a leader in charity and community service, and co-founded West Virginia Kids Cancer Crusaders to help provide support, comfort, awareness, and resources for children with cancer, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff also coached the Youth Church Basketball League, and actively donated and supported West Virginia University, the YWCA, and other programs devoted to the betterment of youth; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff was an active member of Saint George Orthodox Cathedral; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff's greatest pride was his family, including his cherished wife, who he married on July 18, 2015, and his three sons, who he loved beyond measure; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff died tragically in a car wreck on June 10, 2025, at the age of 48; and

WHEREAS, Doug Skaff is survived by his wife, Marisa; their three children, Andrew, Elias, and Alexander; parents, Douglas Skaff, Sr. and Maryann Skaff; sister, Teresa Skaff; and brother Thomas Skaff; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Douglas "Doug" John Skaff, Jr. 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 former West Virginia Delegate Douglas "Doug" John Skaff, Jr., 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 beginning at noon on June 11, 2025, and to remain there until sunset on the day of internment.

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 Eleventh Day of June, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second Year of the State.

Patrick Morisy

GOVERNOR

Kris Warner

SECRETARY OF STATE