

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Walter D. Helmick was born on April 26, 1944, in Webster Springs, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Walter D. Helmick earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Walter D. Helmick began his career in public service on the Pocahontas County School Board and Pocahontas County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Walter D. Helmick served in the West Virginia House of Delegate from 1988 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Walter D. Helmick served in the West Virginia Senate from 1990 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Walter D. Helmick was elected as the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and served in that office from 2013 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, Walter D. Helmick passed away on September 6, 2025, and is survived by his wife Rita; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Walter D. Helmick 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 Walter D. Helmick, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout the State of West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff beginning at noon on September 9, 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 Eighth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.

Patrick Morrisey
GOVERNOR

Kris Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE