

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was born on October 14, 1993, in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and at the age of 18 co-founded Turning Point USA, a youth organization built on conservative principles and outreach to young people especially on college campuses; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a widely known and influential media figure, the host of the “Charlie Kirk Show,” a regular presence of numerous conservative media outlets, and the author of several books; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk’s courage and willingness to engage in debate, especially on college campuses throughout the country, increased his national prominence; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a model of the power of debate, the courage of young people, and the value of the free expression of ideas; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk was shot and killed while speaking at Utah Valley University; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk is survived by his wife Erika and their two children; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia desire to mourn the loss of Charlie Kirk, to acknowledge his valuable contributions to the nation, and to condemn the despicable act of violence that ended his life; and

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 all United States flags and West Virginia flags displayed on all State-owned facilities throughout West Virginia shall be

lowered to half-staff beginning at noon on September 12, 2025, and to remain there until sunset on the day of interment.

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



By the Governor

Patrick Morissey
GOVERNOR

Kris Warner

SECRETARY OF STATE