

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

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**At Charleston**

OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, at 7:55 a.m. on Sunday, December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy and Air Force mounted an air attack without warning on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2,300 Americans lost their lives and over 1,100 were wounded during this deadly attack, which ushered the United States into World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, the attack nearly destroyed the United States Pacific Fleet and resulted in the destruction or crippling of aircraft on the ground and twenty-one United States naval ships, including the battleship *U.S.S. West Virginia*, which was sunk by enemy fire; and

**WHEREAS**, by Joint Resolution, Pub. L. No. 103-308, 108 Stat. 1669 (Aug. 23, 1994), the United State Congress designated each anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor as “National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day”; and

**WHEREAS**, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is a day for all of the people of the United States and the State of West Virginia to remember with gratitude the bravery and heroism of the veterans of World War II who advanced the cause of freedom on the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific, and to solemnly honor the ultimate sacrifice made by those United States servicemen and servicewomen on that fateful morning at Pearl Harbor, “a day that will live in infamy”; and

**WHEREAS**, December 7, 2025, marks the eighty-fourth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, typically, the United States flag at facilities throughout the country are lowered to half-staff on December 7, 2025, in honor of those American patriots who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 28, 2025, I ordered that all United States flags and West Virginia flags displayed on all State-owned facilities throughout West Virginia be lowered to half-staff to remain there until sunset on December 31, 2025, to mourn the loss of Specialist (“SPC”) Sarah Beckstrom and honor her service to the State of West Virginia and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to that order, all United States flags and West Virginia flags displayed on all State-owned facilities throughout West Virginia remain at half-staff to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and right to recognize National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day with a moment of silence or prayer to honor those who served in World War II and all the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia do hereby **REQUEST** that all citizens of the State of West Virginia join me in observing a moment of silence or prayer beginning at 7:55 a.m., Sunday, December 7, 2025, in solemn commemoration of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and to honor all the brave men and women serving in the United State Armed Forces and the National Guard.

**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, on this the Fifth day of December,

in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five,  
and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.

*Patrick Morisy*  
**GOVERNOR**



*Kris Warner*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**