

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Dwight Richard ‘Richard’ Browning was born on November 14, 1952, in Mallory, Logan County, West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Browning earned his Bachelor of Arts from Marshall University in 1974, and in 1989 he earned his Master of Degree from West Virginia University College of Graduate Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Browning worked as a teacher at Pineville High School from 1975 to 1992; then in 1992 he became the Assistant Principal at Oceana High School—a position he held until 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Browning was first elected to represent Wyoming County in the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1988 and served until 1996; then in 2000, he was elected for a second term in the House of Delegates where he served until 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Browning was elected to represent Wyoming County in the West Virginia Senate in 2008 and served until 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, typically, when a former member of the Legislature passes away, the United States flag at the Capitol and facilities in the member’s home county are lowered to half-staff in honor of his or her life and service; 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 and 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

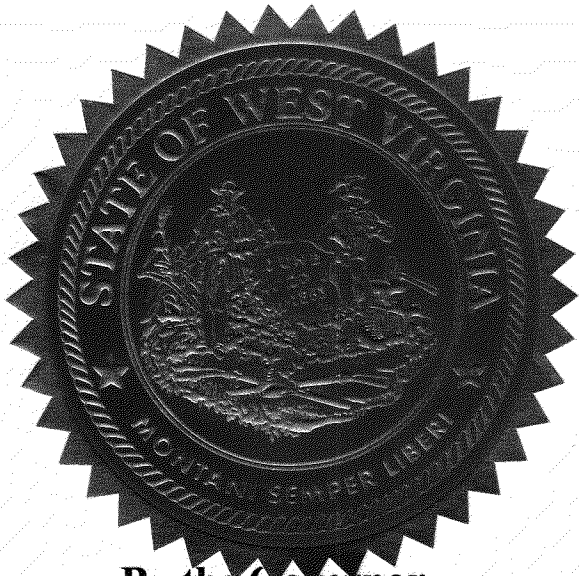
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to that order, all United States flags and West Virginia flags displayed on all State-owned facilities throughout West Virginia remain at half-staff to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Senator Richard Browning 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 Senator Dwight Richard Browning, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Wyoming County, West Virginia, shall remain at half-staff until sunset on December 31, 2025, to also honor the life and service of Senator Browning.

**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 Eighteenth day of December, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and



**By the Governor**

in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the  
State.

*PATRICK MORRISY*  
**GOVERNOR**

*Kim Warner*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**