

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Congressman David B. McKinley, P.E., was born on March 28, 1947, in Wheeling; and

WHEREAS, Congressman McKinley graduated from Purdue University in 1970 with a degree in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, Congressman McKinley founded the highly successful engineering firm of McKinley Architecture and Engineering in Wheeling in 1981—a firm that worked to restore Wheeling’s historic Independence Hall; and

WHEREAS, Congressman McKinley served in the West Virginia House of Delegates for fourteen years, starting in 1980, where he represented the 3rd Delegate District and fought for conservative principles such as limited government and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Congressman McKinley served as the chair of the West Virginia Republican Party from 1990 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Congressman McKinley served in the United States House of Representatives from 2010 to 2023—the first Republican to hold West Virginia’s 1st Congressional District seat in forty-two years; and

WHEREAS, during that time, Congressman McKinley served on the United States House Energy and Commerce Committee where he sought to protect and advance West Virginia's energy-based economy; and

WHEREAS, Congressman McKinley died on April 17, 2026, and is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Gerkin McKinley, their four children, and their six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, colleagues, and associates of Congressman McKinley 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 Congressman David B. McKinley, P.E., 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, be lowered to half-staff beginning at noon on Monday, April 20, 2026, and to remain there until sunset on Monday, April 27, 2026.

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 Twentieth day of April, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



By the Governor

Patrick Morrisey
GOVERNOR

Kid Warner

SECRETARY OF STATE