

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Herb Snyder was born in Winchester, Virginia, and grew up in Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Herb Snyder graduated from Shepherdstown High School and then earned a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Shepherd College; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Herb Snyder started Hydrochem Laboratories, Inc.—a scientific, technical consulting business he owned and operated for four decades; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Herb Snyder was elected as a Jefferson County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Herb Snyder served in the State Senate from 1997 to 2005 and from 2009 to 2017—representing the Eastern Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, during that time, Herb Snyder served as vice chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and chair of the Senate Government Organization Committee; and

WHEREAS, Herb Snyder passed away on Monday, August 3, 2026, at the age of seventy-two; and

WHEREAS, Herb Snyder was preceded in death by his wife, Stephanie, and is survived by his five children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, colleagues, and associates of Herb Snyder 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 all the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities in Jefferson County, West Virginia, be lowered to half-staff beginning at sunset on Friday, August 7, 2026, and to remain there until sunset on Friday, August 14, 2026.

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 Seventh Day of August, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.

PATRICK MORRISEY
GOVERNOR

Kristi Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE