

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Dolly Rebecca Parton was born on, January 19, 1946, in Pittman Center, Tennessee, the daughter of the late Robert Lee Parton Sr. and Avie Lee Caroline Parton; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton died peacefully on August 25, 2026, in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton sold more than 100 million records worldwide, making her one of the best-selling music artists ever; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton had many occupations, most notably, a singer-songwriter, musician, actress, philanthropist, and businesswoman; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton began her musical career as a child, singing on local radio and television programs in the East Tennessee area starting at the age of 10, and soon after she began writing songs with her uncle, Bill Owens, for Combine Publishing; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton's solo-music career took off in the 1970's, with several number one Billboard charting hits like "Joshua," "Coat of Many Colors," "I Will Always Love

You,” and many more; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton was actively involved in her community and served in various capacities. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, a tribute to her father, Robert Lee Parton Sr., has mailed over five million books to West Virginia children, and there are over 52,000 young children actively enrolled in this project in the State, receiving a brand new book directly in their mailbox every single month; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Rebecca Parton is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, Carl Thomas Dean, her mother, Avie Lee Caroline (Owens) Parton, and father, Robert Lee Parton, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has directed by proclamation that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff on all public buildings and grounds and other facilities both in the United States and abroad until sunset, September 1, 2026, as a mark of respect for Dolly Rebecca Parton and her life of service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Dolly Rebecca Parton desire to recognize her dedicated public service to the Great State of West Virginia, and to acknowledge her 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 Dolly Rebecca Parton, and in keeping with the Presidential Proclamation issued today, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, and there

to remain until dusk on Tuesday, September 1, 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
Twenty-Fifth Day of August, in the Year of
our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six in the
One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.

Patrick Morisy
GOVERNOR

Kris Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE