

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Eloise Jack was born in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, on the twentieth day of August, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Five, the daughter of the late Ode and Hallie Harmon; and

WHEREAS, Eloise Jack was the first woman to work for the Charleston Fire Department as a switchboard operator; she also served as director of Small Business Economic Development for the State of West Virginia under four different governors; and

WHEREAS, Eloise Jack was appointed by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin to serve as a member of the West Virginia State Senate, representing the Seventeenth District in Two Thousand Fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Senator Eloise Jack was involved in several organizations and committees, including the West Virginia Board of Realtors, the Democrat Executive Committee for Kanawha County and South Charleston, the Dunbar Women's Club and was the past president of the Democrat Women of Kanawha County; she served as a deaconess, treasurer, and Finance Committee member for the Dunbar First Baptist Church; and she was named Democratic Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Senator Eloise Jack, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, died on the twenty-second day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Senator Eloise Jack is survived by her two daughters, Diane Wilder (Larry) and Linda Wood (Sam); a son, Larry Jack (Sherry); grandchildren, Azuree Kuhn, Cain Wilder, Josh Jack, and Samuel Wood; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Alexandra, and Mackenzie Salerno and Reed and Lila Wilder; as well as numerous friends, especially Vonda and Dorothea; and was predeceased by her loving husband of fifty years, Floyd "Bud" Jack; parents, Ode and Hallie Harmon; and sisters, Janet Scott and Betty Walker; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia and friends and associates of Senator Eloise Jack 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, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, 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 Senator Eloise Jack, the West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Kanawha County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the twenty-eighth day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen, the day of services celebrating her life.

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 twenty-seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin
GOVERNOR

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Natalie E. Emmert
SECRETARY OF STATE