

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Russell Lee Davisson was born in Salem, Harrison County, West Virginia, on the second day of March, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-two, the son of the late Edwin Roscoe and Clema Addie Davisson; and

WHEREAS, Russell Davisson received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Salem College, Harrison County, and his Master of Science in Physical Chemistry from West Virginia University, Monongalia County; and

WHEREAS, Russell Davisson was in the United States Navy, serving during World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres in anti-submarine warfare; and

WHEREAS, Russell Davisson was employed by Union Carbide as a corrosion engineer for thirty-seven years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Russell Davisson started his public service as a St. Albans city councilman and vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, Russell Davisson was elected to the serve as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing Kanawha County, in Nineteen Hundred Sixty-seven, serving two terms until Nineteen Hundred Seventy; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Russell Davisson was the author of "A History and Genealogy, The Davisson Twelve Generations" and editor of "A Century of St. Albans, 1863-1963"; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Russell Davisson, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted husband, father and grandfather, died on the twenty-seventh day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Russell Davisson is survived by his wife of seventy-one years, Lucille Kemper Davisson; his two daughters, Andrea Kenna (Jack) and Nancy Bolton (Kline); six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews; and was predeceased by his son, Daniel Lee Davisson; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia and friends and associates of Delegate Russell Davisson 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, 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 Delegate Russell Davisson, the West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Putnam County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the twelfth of March, Two Thousand Sixteen, the day of services celebrating his 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 eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin
GOVERNOR

By the Governor *Martha E. Eversment*
SECRETARY OF STATE