

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Edgar F. "Hike" Heiskell III was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, on the tenth day of October, Nineteen Hundred Forty, the son of Edgar F. Heiskell, Jr., M.D. and Barbara Jean Baker Heiskell; and

**WHEREAS**, Hike Heiskell graduated from West Virginia University in Nineteen Hundred Sixty Three with a Bachelor's degree in political science; and

**WHEREAS**, Hike Heiskell then studied law at the University of Virginia, earning a Juris Doctorate degree in Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Six; and

**WHEREAS**, Hike Heiskell served as a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force from Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Six to Nineteen Hundred Seventy; and

**WHEREAS**, Hike Heiskell worked as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Monongalia County, West Virginia, from Nineteen Hundred Seventy to Nineteen Hundred Seventy-One, before serving as a State Workmen's Compensation Commissioner from Nineteen Hundred Seventy-One to Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Three; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Heiskell was elected Secretary of State on the Seventh day of November, Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Two, the first Republican elected to that constitutional office since Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Eight, and held that office from Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Three to Nineteen Hundred Seventy Five; and

**WHEREAS**, during his service as Secretary of State, Secretary Heiskell was elected Chairman of the Committee on Election Reform of the National Association of Secretaries of State; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving as Secretary of State, Hike Heiskell practiced law in Charleston, West Virginia, and was nationally recognized as a skilled attorney who took on difficult automotive defect cases and won significant verdicts against Ford Motor Company, Toyota, and others to protect the rights of victims of defective automobiles, and

**WHEREAS**, he continued to engage in politics and passionately advocated for fair and honest elections, serving as a member of the Republican National Committee and Republican State Chairman of West Virginia from Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Seven through Nineteen Hundred Ninety, later in life becoming an Independent voter and, most recently, participating in the “Why I Vote” series with the West Virginia Secretary of State’s office; and

**WHEREAS**, Hike Heiskell was a member of the West Virginia Bar, the West Virginia Bar Association, and the American Fighter Pilots’ Association; active in the American Red Cross and Boy Scouts of America; and an avid writer and chef; and

**WHEREAS**, Hike Heiskell passed away on the Twentieth day of November, Two Thousand Sixteen; and

**WHEREAS**, Hike Heiskell is survived by his five children, Christopher Neil Heiskell, Edgar F. “Skip” (Kathryn) Heiskell, IV, J. Ryan (Shaye) Heiskell, Justin (Jennifer) Heiskell, Gretchen Heiskell (Jason) Darrell; fourteen grandchildren, Laurel, Rease, Shaye, Vivienne, Anna, Jason Jr., Juliette, Hannah, Hawthorne, Herschel, Hudson, Marshall, Tug, and Phinn; Jennifer Cunningham, whom he called the love of his life; siblings, C. Andrew (Cynthia) Heiskell, Jeffrey Neil (Marcie) Heiskell, Holly Heiskell (Hudson) Glen, and Heather Heiskell (Brad White) Jones; many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, he was predeceased by his first wife, and mother of his children, Jerri F. (Deegan) McGrath, brother John Christopher Heiskell, father Dr. Edgar F. Heiskell Jr., and mother Barbara B. Heiskell; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia and the friends and associates of Secretary of State Heiskell 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 all West Virginia State flags on all State-owned facilities throughout the State be displayed at half-staff on the twenty-sixth day of November, Two Thousand Sixteen, the day of services for Edgar F. "Hike" Heiskell, III.

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, on this the twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-fourth year of the State.

*Earl Ray Tomblin*  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

*Natasha E. Eversmont*  
SECRETARY OF STATE