Mayoral Proclamation

in harmony with

Christian Heritage Week in West Virginia

November 22 – 28, 2026
as proclaimed by Governor Patrick Morrisey

WHEREAS, the week of Thanksgiving marks the thirtieth consecutive observance of *Christian Heritage Week* in West Virginia; thus continuing a tradition of annual proclamations beginning with Governor Gaston Caperton in 1992 thru 1996 and continued by Governor Cecil Underwood from 1997 thru 2000, Governor Bob Wise from 2001 thru 2004, Governor Joe Manchin from 2005 thru 2010, and Governor Earl Ray Tomblin from 2011 thru 2016; and Governor Jim Justice in 2017 thru 2024; and Governor Patrick Morrisey thru 2026, and,

WHEREAS, 240 mayors from 142 cities, towns and villages throughout West Virginia have proclaimed *Christian Heritage Week* since 2001; and,

WHEREAS, local churches are asked to participate with relevant Sunday School lessons, sermons, patriotic song services, youth programs and prayer meetings; and

WHEREAS, quoting Psalm 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain."

NOW, THEREFORE, Let it be Known that November 22-28, 2026, Thanksgiving week, is hereby proclaimed as:

Christian Heritage Week

in the

City of Grafton, Taylor County, West Virginia

and I invite all citizens to join in this local event each in their own way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Grafton to be affixed this 20th day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six.

Diana M Thompson

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Mayor

Attest:

Amanda F. Slaton

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Acting City Clerk