Mayoral Proclamation

in harmony with

Christian Heritage Week in West Virginia

November 22-28, 2026

as proclaimed by

Mayor Terry A Williams

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving week marks the thirty-fifth consecutive *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 III from 2005 thru 2010, Governor Earl Ray Tomblin from 2011 thru 2016, Governor Jim Justice in 2017 thru 2024 and Governor Patrick Morrisey in 2025 and 2026; and,

WHEREAS, 245 mayors from 143 cities, towns and villages throughout the State of West Virginia have proclaimed *Christian Heritage Week* since 2001; and,

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

WHEREAS, censoring religious references from American history as taught in the public schools of West Virginia is prohibited by state law; and,

WHEREAS, to help keep our families secure, communities safe and Mountaineers free it is wise to heed the warning in Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but 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 Spencer

and I invite all citizens to join me in this observance each in their own way.

by _____

Mayor