

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas, longtime community resident **MIKE ROSS** has been an excellent contributor to our high quality of life in Buckhannon for decades, being a steadfast supporter of our local government in many ways, WV Wesleyan College, & most recently the City's Stockert Youth Center which he has very generously supported; &

Whereas, **MIKE ROSS** further formerly served as our county's senator in the WV legislature & in his role as chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, spearheaded many positive projects resulting in substantial road improvements throughout Buckhannon & Upshur County; &

Whereas, **MIKE ROSS** recently contributed the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) toward the City's Stockert Youth Center's Capital Campaign to assist in the realization of the much needed new auditorium/gymnasium at SYC while challenging other contributors to match his gift & which challenge successfully resulted in an additional \$10,000 gift; &

Whereas, our Buckhannon-Upshur community appreciates & values the efforts, energy, & dedication of one of our finest residents & wishes to honor & commend him in his continued, positive mission supporting the youth of our community; &

Whereas, our City now desires to recognize **MIKE ROSS** by bestowing upon him our City's highest honor with the Ambassador's Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID W. McCAULEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON, pursuant to the power & authority duly vested in me, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 15, 2018 to be "**MIKE ROSS DAY**" throughout our City of Buckhannon.

To further memorialize **MIKE ROSS'S** devotion to and affinity for our Buckhannon-Upshur community, I further now hereby bestow upon him, the Buckhannon Ambassador Award, becoming one of the very few recipients & honorees of this most prestigious award. Appropriately, I direct the installation of a permanent placard upon the "Ambassador's Bench" on East Main Street in front of our City's Stockert Youth Center to permanently honor **MIKE ROSS**, bearing the inscription-

-- "THE AMBASSADORS' BENCH - HONORING THOSE WHO SELFLESSLY DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO THE SERVICE, PROMOTION, & ADVANCEMENT OF BUCKHANNON" --

Additionally, **MIKE ROSS** shall be forever recognized as a gold level contributor upon the SYC Wall of Fame & the "Tree of Giving," to be established in the entrance to our Stockert Youth Center.

I further urge all of our residents to greet our community's most honored citizen, **MIKE ROSS**, along with his family, friends, & all members of our City government family during his special day.

Given under my hand & the official seal of
The City of Buckhannon, this 15th day of March, 2018

David W. McCauley, Mayor