# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### At Charleston

# A PROCLAMATION

### By the Governor

**WHEREAS,** severe storms due to Hurricane Sandy are imminently approaching West Virginia and forecasted to bring heavy rain and flooding, significant snowfall and blizzard conditions, and high winds throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a substantial likelihood that the weather events associated with Hurricane Sandy will cause heavy flooding, severe wind damage, and significant power outages; and

**WHEREAS,** the storms produced by Hurricane Sandy pose a substantial and continuing threat to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS,** all government resources must be devoted to protect the citizens of West Virginia, effective immediately; and

**WHEREAS,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, I hereby declare as of twelve o'clock p.m. today a State of Emergency in all fifty-five counties comprising this State, which are the counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln,

Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **ORDER** the implementation of the State's Emergency Operations Plan, the activation of the State's Emergency Operations Center, the implementation of all provisions of section six, article five, chapter fifteen of the Code of West Virginia, and delegate to the Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management those powers that are reasonably necessary to effectuate this Proclamation in a manner most beneficial to the citizens of West Virginia, effective immediately. In addition, I also **FIND AND DECLARE** that a State of Emergency exists and continues in all of the aforementioned fifty-five counties of this State, said State of Emergency to remain in effect until rescinded by further Proclamation.

**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 the twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve, and in the One Hundred Fiftieth year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin

**GOVERNOR**

**By The Governor**

Natalie E. Tennant

**SECRETARY OF STATE**