

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Darrell Edward Holmes was born in Sissonville, Kanawha County, West Virginia, on the nineteenth day of October, Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Four, the son of the late Russell and Macel Holmes; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Holmes graduated from Sissonville High School, Sissonville, West Virginia, in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Three and attended Morris Harvey College (University of Charleston), Charleston, West Virginia and West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Holmes joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, where he served as military police and was also a millwright at the Union Carbide Institute plant until his retirement in Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Nine; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Holmes was elected to serve as a member of the House of Delegates, representing Kanawha County, in Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Four, and served four terms; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Darrell Holmes was elected to the West Virginia Senate in Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Two, and served as Chairperson of the Labor Committee and Vice Chair of the Energy, Industry and Mining Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Darrell Holmes was appointed by Governor Gaston Caperton to serve as the Nineteenth Clerk of the West Virginia Senate in Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Nine, a role he was continuously reelected to by the members of the West Virginia Senate until his retirement in Two Thousand Thirteen; and

WHEREAS, Senator Darrell Holmes, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, died on the twenty-second day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Senator Darrell Holmes is survived by his three sons, David Holmes (Kim), Greg Holmes (Debbie), and Eric Holmes (Heather); seven grandchildren, Lindsey, Andrew, Tara, Adam, Austin, Brianna, and Easton; sisters, Francis, Carol, Eunice, Dianna, Faye, Anna, and Evelyn; and was predeceased by his wife Nell Jean; his parents, Russell and Macel Holmes; his brother, Orville; and his sister, Helen; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia and friends and associates of Senator Darrell Holmes 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, in commemoration of the distinguished life and service of West Virginia Senator Darrell Edward Holmes, the West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Kanawha County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the twenty-seventh day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen, the day of memorial services celebrating his life.

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 twenty-sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE