

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Charles "Chuck" Morton Polan, Jr. was born in Cabell County, West Virginia, on the twenty-fifth day of August, Nineteen Hundred Forty-six, the son of the late Dr. Charles M. and Ruth Polan; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles Polan worked in the family real estate business developing and managing commercial property; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles Polan was elected to serve as a member of the House of Delegates, representing Cabell County in Nineteen Hundred Seventy-two, and served six terms through Nineteen Hundred Eighty-four; he served eight years as chair of the House Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Charles Polan was appointed as the Cabinet Secretary to the Department of Administration under Governor Gaston Caperton from Nineteen Hundred Eighty-nine to Nineteen Hundred Ninety-six; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Charles Polan served as a Huntington City Councilman, and board member for Pretera Center and the Huntington Municipal Development Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Charles Polan, a committed and respected public servant and a devoted husband, died on the nineteenth day of May, Two Thousand Sixteen; and

**WHEREAS**, Delegate Charles Polan is survived by his wife, Carol; two sisters and their husbands, Mary Lake (Frank Bennack) and Lynn Garbowitz (Robert); mother-in-law, Bobbie Webb; his wife Carol's three children, Alicia, Trae, and Daniel Elswick (Betsy); two grandchildren, Ethan Elswick and Brittany McIntyre (Jeremiah); three great grandchildren, Zoe Davin and Bianca and Stella McIntyre; step-mother in-law, Dawn Bennett; two sisters-in-law, Debbie Moore and Lisa Tanner (Tom); and brother-in-law, Richard Bennett (Jayne); and was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Charles M. and Ruth Polan; and his sister, Jeanne.

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of West Virginia and friends and associates of Delegate Charles Polan 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 Delegate Charles "Chuck" Morton Polan, Jr., the West Virginia State flag displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Cabell County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on the fourth day of June, Two Thousand Sixteen, the day of 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 third day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.

*Earl Ray Tomblin*  
**GOVERNOR**

By the Governor *Natalie Ellement*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**