STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand Sixteen, marks the fifteenth anniversary of the largest act of terrorism on United States soil, a day forever marked as one of the most infamous in this nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on that day, at the World Trade Center twin towers in New York City, at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and in southwestern Pennsylvania, acts by terrorists were so horrendous as to sear the souls of man; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, the Congress of the United States adopted Joint Resolution Seventy-One (Public Law 107-89) designating the eleventh day of September of each year as Patriot Day, and by Public Law 111-13 approved on the twenty-first day of April, Two Thousand Nine, requested the observance of the eleventh day of September as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, on the ninth day of September, Two Thousand Sixteen, the President of the United States issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens to commemorate Patriot Day and the National Day of Service and Remembrance, and to direct that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day, the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand Sixteen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation of the ninth day of September, Two Thousand Sixteen, call upon the citizens of West Virginia to honor the victims of the attack on the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand One, and do hereby

ORDER that, in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation issued the ninth day of September, Two Thousand Sixteen, all State flags displayed at all State facilities, along with the flag of the United States, be displayed at half-staff the entire day of the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand Sixteen; and do further

REQUEST that all citizens of the State of West Virginia observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on that solemn day to honor the innocent victims who perished on the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand One.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this ninth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin

GOVERNOR

By the Governor Natalie E. Tennant

SECRETARY OF STATE