STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, at 7:55 a.m. on Sunday, the seventh day of December, Nineteen Hundred Forty-One, the Imperial Japanese Navy and Air Force mounted an air attack without warning on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,300 Americans lost their lives and over 1,100 were wounded during this deadly attack, an epic battle which ushered the United States into World War II; and

WHEREAS, the attack nearly destroyed the United States Pacific Fleet and resulted in the destruction or crippling of aircraft on the ground and twenty-one United States naval ships, including the battleship *U.S.S. West Virginia*, which was sunk by enemy fire; and

WHEREAS, the seventh day of December, Two Thousand Fifteen, marks the seventy-fourth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated each anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, this Nation is grateful for the bravery and heroism of the veterans of World War II who advanced the cause of freedom on the battlefields of World War II, and will solemnly honor the ultimate sacrifice made by those United States servicemen and servicewomen on that fateful morning at Pearl Harbor, "a day that will live in infamy"; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of those brave servicemen and servicewomen lives on today; and

WHEREAS, on the Fourth day of December, Two Thousand Fifteen, the President of the United States issued a proclamation directing that the United States flag at all federal facilities throughout the country be displayed at half-staff on the seventh day of December, Two Thousand Fifteen, in honor of those American patriots who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor.

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 Fourth day of December, Two Thousand Fifteen, do hereby **ORDER** that all State flags, along with the United States flag, at all State facilities be displayed at half-staff the entire day of Monday, the seventh day of December, Two Thousand Fifteen, in solemn commemoration of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

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, on this the fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin

GOVERNOR

By the Governor: Natalie E. Tennant

SECRETARY OF STATE