

# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

### A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, Emmett Leonard Kines was born in Grafton, Taylor County, West Virginia, on the twenty-seventh day of June, Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, the son of Jacob Howard and Jocia Miranda (Cox) Kines; and

**WHEREAS**, Emmett Kines enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on the fourth day of November, Nineteen Hundred Forty-two, at the age of twenty-three, received training in Parris Island, South Carolina and New River, North Carolina, and was deployed to New Zealand as a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Replacement Battalion; and

**WHEREAS**, Private Emmett Kines was listed as Killed in Action following the Battle of Tarawa on the twentieth day of November, Nineteen Hundred Forty-three; and

**WHEREAS**, more than seventy-three years after his death, the remains of Private Emmett Kines have been located and returned to his West Virginia home and will be laid to rest on the nineteenth day of September, Two Thousand Sixteen, at the West Virginia National Cemetery, Grafton, West Virginia, with full military honors; and

**WHEREAS**, Private Emmett Kines is survived by a sister, Betty Annalee; and he was predeceased by his father, Jacob Howard; mother, Jocia Miranda (Cox) Kines; and siblings, Dakota Merle, Claudis Sherman, Mary Virginia, Howard Virgil "Pete", Walter Ross "Tunney", and Hazel Marie; and

**WHEREAS**, Private Emmett Kines made the supreme sacrifice for his country in a foreign land and brought honor to his family, the citizens of West Virginia, and his country, and this native son has now returned home.

**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 on the nineteenth day of September, Two Thousand Sixteen, all United States and State flags displayed at all State facilities be displayed at half-staff from dawn to dusk in honor of Private Emmett Kines.

**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 sixteenth 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 Emmert*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**