

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, on the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand One, unimaginable acts of terror were perpetrated on American soil that took the lives of many innocent men, women and children, shocking acts that violated the fundamental principles on which this country was founded; 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 a field in southwestern Pennsylvania, acts by terrorists were so horrendous as to sear the souls of man, acts which will forever mark that day as one of the most infamous in this Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on that day – the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand One – through all the pain, destruction and loss, the American people stood united and resolute, and continuing to this day have shown unwavering courage, resiliency and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, on the eighteenth day of December, Two Thousand One, 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 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, the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand Eleven, marks the tenth anniversary of those events and signifies a decade of remembrance and honor for those who lost their lives in these horrific terrorist attacks, those brave men and women who responded in our time of need, and those that today continue to fight and sacrifice to ensure the continued protection of our citizens at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, as West Virginians, we must recommit ourselves on this tenth anniversary to the ideals of democracy, patriotism and the freedoms upon which our great State and Nation were built, must ensure that each generation holds fast to the fundamental American concept of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and must remain ever vigilant in the defense of our country and the freedom and liberties of this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, on this eleventh day of September, Two Thousand Eleven, Americans across this great land will pause to remember, pray and gather together in unity to renew our sense of common purpose, to pay tribute to the noble sacrifices of so many, and to preserve the memory and legacy of those who lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, as proud Americans, West Virginians wish to continue to honor and remember the victims of the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand One; the bravery, heroism, compassion and generosity of Americans in the aftermath of the attacks; and the courage and sacrifice of the military, law enforcement, firefighters and other first responders in the ongoing fight against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, on the ninth day of September, Two Thousand Eleven, the President of the United States issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens to commemorate Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, directing that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff on the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand Eleven, and calling upon all people of the United States to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on that day to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks of the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand One.

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 Eleven, call upon the citizens of West Virginia to honor the victims of the eleventh day of September, Two Thousand One, and do hereby

ORDER that, in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation issued on the ninth day of September, Two Thousand Eleven, 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 Eleven, and do further

REQUEST that all of the citizens of the State of West Virginia observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on that day to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks of 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 Eleven, and in the One Hundred Forty-Ninth year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin

GOVERNOR

By the Governor

Walter E. Yoneman

SECRETARY OF STATE