STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predict a major storm event is imminent in all fifty-five counties of West Virginia, and will commence on the twenty-first day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen; and

WHEREAS, the major storm event is predicted to produce substantial snowfall with the possibility of sleet and freezing rain statewide; and

WHEREAS, the forecasted snowfall has the potential to cause dangerous driving conditions; power outages and downed electrical lines; and the toppling of trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **FIND AND DECLARE** that a natural disaster or large-scale threat of major proportions is imminent, necessitating a State of Preparedness in all fifty-five counties of West Virginia. I therefore **INVOKE** the emergency powers set forth in section six, article five, chapter fifteen of the Code of West Virginia, **ACTIVATE** the Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Operations Plan, and **ORDER** appropriate personnel and resources, including but not limited to the West Virginia National Guard, to mobilize and prepare for the imminent emergency. Further, I hereby **DIRECT** the inhabitants of this State to prepare for the imminent emergency by, among other things, ensuring they have sufficient food and water for at least forty-eight hours, together with blankets, flashlights, and contingency plans in case of impaired travel and electrical outages.

Finally, I hereby **ORDER** that it is unlawful for any person, business, or other entity to sell any food items, essential consumer items, emergency supplies, or home heating oil in a manner that violates the provisions of section three, article six-j, chapter forty-six-a of the Code of West Virginia.

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 the twentieth of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin

GOVERNOR

By the State

Natalie E. Tennant

SECRETARY OF STATE