# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

# A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

**WHEREAS,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, I declared on the twentieth day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen, a State of Preparedness in all fifty-five counties of West Virginia in anticipation of a major winter storm event expected to cause, among other things, significant snowfall; dangerous driving conditions; power outages and downed electrical lines; and the toppling of trees; and

**WHEREAS,** State personnel and resources have shifted from preparing and mobilizing for the imminent winter storm event to responding to emergency circumstances and rendering aid to ensure the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this State.

**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 State of Emergency exists in all fifty-five counties of West Virginia, said State of Emergency to remain in effect for thirty days unless terminated by subsequent Proclamation. I further **FIND AND DECLARE** that the State of Preparedness I proclaimed on the twentieth day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen, is hereby **TERMINATED** and **SUPERCEDED** by the instant Proclamation; however, the emergency powers invoked pursuant to the State of Preparedness shall remain in force and effect throughout the duration of the State of Emergency. 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 twenty-second day 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**