

# **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

At Charleston

### **A PROCLAMATION**

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, on the ninth day of January, Two Thousand Fourteen, water supplied by West Virginia American Water Company in Boone, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, became contaminated; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of the contaminants pose a potential severe and continuing threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the aforementioned counties; and

**WHEREAS**, all government resources must be devoted immediately to remedying the contamination and assisting the citizens of Boone, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties, who have been directed to refrain from using tap water for drinking, cooking, washing, or bathing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact with other states for necessary assistance relating to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Boone, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **ORDER** the implementation of the State's Emergency Operations Plan, the activation of the State's Emergency Operations Center, the implementation of all provisions of section six, article five, chapter fifteen of the Code of West Virginia, and the implementation of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and I hereby delegate to the Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management those powers that are reasonably necessary to effectuate this Proclamation in a manner most beneficial to the affected citizens of West Virginia, effective immediately. In addition, I also **FIND AND DECLARE** that a State of Emergency exists and continues in Boone, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties, West Virginia, said State of Emergency to remain in effect until rescinded by further Proclamation.

**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 ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen, in the One Hundred Fifty-First year of the State.

*Earl Ray Tomblin*  
**GOVERNOR**

**By the State**

*Natalie E. Clement*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**