

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, I, Earl Ray Tomblin, as President of the Senate of the State of West Virginia, am constitutionally obligated to act as Governor until the vacancy in the office of Governor is filled; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, in its Mandate filed January 18, 2011, directed me to issue a proclamation to fix a time for a new statewide election to fill the vacancy in the office of Governor consistent with the provisions of section two, article ten, chapter three of the West Virginia Code; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Mandate and consistent with article VII, section sixteen of the West Virginia Constitution and section two, article ten, chapter three of the West Virginia Code, I issued a proclamation on January 21, 2011, setting October 4, 2011, as the time for the new statewide election to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of former Governor Joe Manchin III; and

**WHEREAS**, while the January 21, 2011 proclamation has already set the new statewide election for October 4, 2011, today's proclamation is issued to fulfill the requirements of section two, article ten, chapter three of the West Virginia Code, as amended and reenacted by the West Virginia Legislature in House Bill No. 2853, that the person acting as Governor issue a proclamation calling for a special primary election to be held on May 14, 2011, and a special general election to be held on October 4, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, and in accordance with article VII, section sixteen of the West Virginia Constitution, section two, article ten, chapter three of the West Virginia Code, as amended and reenacted, and the Mandate of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia filed January 18, 2011, do hereby proclaim the following:

The remainder of the unexpired term in the office of Governor created by the resignation of former Governor Joe Manchin III on November 15, 2010, shall be filled by a new election pursuant to the foregoing authorities. The new election shall occur as follows:

1. A special general election shall be held on October 4, 2011.
2. A special primary election shall be held on May 14, 2011, for the purpose of nominating political party candidates for the special general election.

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 seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven, and in the One Hundred Forty-Eighth year of the State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earl Ray Tomblin".

GOVERNOR

By the Governor

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wataki Emmert".

SECRETARY OF STATE