

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** the first ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified on December 15, 1791; and
- Whereas,** December 15, 2015, marks the two hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution; and
- Whereas,** the Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms, and protects fundamental human and civil rights for which persons of all races have struggled for thousands of years; and
- Whereas,** the Bill of Rights is the foundation of American liberty, securing our most fundamental rights including the freedom to speak, assemble, and practice our faith as we please; and
- Whereas,** to preserve the rights and freedoms secured by the Bill of Rights, our forefathers, and hundreds of thousands of men and women serving with police agencies and the Armed Forces of the United States, have sacrificed, suffered, and died; and
- Whereas,** the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights deserve perennial celebration and the sacrifices made to protect the Bill of Rights deserve eternal remembrance; and
- Whereas,** *Bill of Rights Day* is a day set aside to honor the fundamental rights it enshrines and the sacrifices made to create and preserve these rights.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim ***December 15, 2015*** as:

Bill of Rights Day

in the Mountain State and I ask all West Virginians to read, study, and learn the contents of the Bill of Rights in honor and celebration of *Bill of Rights Day*.

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, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.



Earl Ray Tomblin

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Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant

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Secretary of State