

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** the people of West Virginia honor the nearly 234,000 West Virginians who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, and remember the over 7,000 West Virginians who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives; and
- Whereas,** on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II and greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility and spiritual reflection; and
- Whereas,** the victory marked the culmination of a national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors of the Holocaust; and
- Whereas,** these historic accomplishments were achieved through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, including both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front; and
- Whereas,** August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war but also the beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding, during which the World War II generation created an array of organizations that helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to community and country; and
- Whereas,** the entire World War II generation, military personnel and civilians alike, has provided a model of unity and community that serves as a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued betterment of the United States and the world.

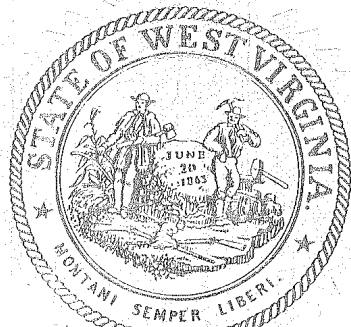
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *August 9 – 16, 2015* as:

WWII 70th Anniversary Spirit of '45 Commemorative Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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-Second day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Third year of the State.



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Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant

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