# Proclamation

## by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

**Whereas,** the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany, and its collaborators, between 1933 and 1945; and

**Whereas,** about six million people were targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons; and

**Whereas,** more than one and a half million innocent children were murdered; and

**Whereas,** the importance of teaching today's children about this unprecedented event reminds us of our solemn duty to keep the memory of the millions of people who perished during the Holocaust alive; and

**Whereas,** the people of West Virginia should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, and remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny; and

**Whereas,** Days of Remembrance have been set aside for us to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust, and to reflect upon our own humanity and the need for respect of all people.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim ***April 15-22, 2012,*** as:

## *Days of Remembrance*

*of the*

## *Victims of the Holocaust*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to rededicate themselves to the principles of equality and justice for all, and to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

**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 Second day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve, and in the One Hundred Forty-Ninth year of the State.

*Earl Ray Tomblin*
*Governor*

*By the Governor:*

*Natalie E. Tennant*
*Secretary of State*