

# Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

**Whereas,** the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 15-19, 2010 as *International Education Week* in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation's peace and prosperity; and,

**Whereas,** international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders; and,

**Whereas,** these programs include citizen and scholarly exchanges, study abroad programs, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and,

**Whereas,** by participating in such programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures and are more prepared to succeed in a global environment; and,

**Whereas,** we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and,

**Whereas,** when one considers these challenging economic times, the importance of preparing citizens for engaging in a global economy is of paramount importance and can be fostered through educational and cultural exchange; and,

**Whereas,** through international education, the United States can establish a foundation for dialogue and partnership with the rest of the world and create the conditions for lasting global peace, security and well-being;

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *November 15-19, 2010*, as:

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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 Fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten, and in the One Hundred Forty-eighth 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