

# Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and
- Whereas,** child maltreatment has been known to occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and
- Whereas,** the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and
- Whereas,** child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and
- Whereas,** the citizens of West Virginia should become involved in supporting families so that they can raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and
- Whereas,** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 2011* as:

## *Child Abuse Prevention Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to help prevent the abuse of children.

**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 Seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven, 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