Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

Whereas, the State of West Virginia recognizes the challenges that citizens and families across the State continue to face due to the economic downturn and rising energy costs; and

Whereas, low-income families in West Virginia spend a disproportionately high percentage of their annual income on home energy bills and often find themselves in crisis; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Energy developed the Weatherization Assistance Program in 1979 as the Nation's effective, permanent solution for reducing residential energy burdens on low-income Americans, protecting them against fuel price volatility; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Weatherization Assistance Program, administered by the West Virginia Office of Economic Opportunity in cooperation with community action agencies serving the entire State, has reduced energy costs for the elderly, disabled, families with children and households with high energy burdens; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Weatherization Assistance Program makes a meaningful difference in the lives of many citizens by utilizing state-of-the-art energy audits, air-sealing, insulation and heating combustion analysis and repair/replacement to make energy efficiency improvements in low-income and moderate-income homes; and

Whereas, the program not only assists families working toward self-sufficiency, but also contributes more broadly to the improvements and economic progress of communities and adds to the Nation's energy security by investing in long-term energy efficiency and energy independence while protecting the environment by reducing carbon emissions.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim ***October 30, 2012,*** as:

Weatherization Day

in the Mountain State and applaud State and local weatherization professionals as they provide a hand-up and a long-term investment in residential energy efficiency to low-income individuals, senior citizens and working poor families struggling to afford heating expenses.

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 Seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve, and in the One Hundred Fiftieth year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin

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Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant

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