

# Proclamation

## by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and
- Whereas,** prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective and people recover in our area and around the Nation; and
- Whereas,** the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families and the community at large; and
- Whereas,** people in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities; and
- Whereas,** we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and
- Whereas,** in 2012, 2.5 million people received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and more than 34.1 million adults aged 18 or older received services for mental health problems according to the 2012 *National Survey on Drug Use and Health*; and
- Whereas,** to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the West Virginia Association of Alcoholism & Drug Counselors, Inc. invite all residents of West Virginia to participate in *National Recovery Month*.

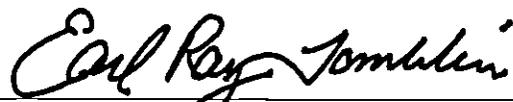
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2014* as:

### *Recovery Month*

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.

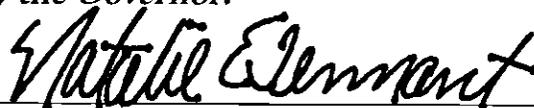
**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-First day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Second year of the State.



Earl Ray Tomblin

Governor

By the Governor:



Natalie E. Tennant

Secretary of State