

# Proclamation

## by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

**Whereas,** in the United States, nearly 2 million people get healthcare associated infections (HAI) each year, approximately 1 infection for every 20 patients; and

**Whereas,** approximately 90,000 people die from healthcare associated infections every year; and

**Whereas,** in 2010, in the spirit of collaboration, 12 national healthcare association from across the United States and around the world joined the Association for Professionals of Infection Prevention and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) in the commemoration of *International Infection Prevention Week* to help spread the word that *Infection Prevention is Everyone's Business*; and

**Whereas,** the overall annual direct medical costs of HAI to United States hospitals ranges from \$28.4 to \$45 billion; and

**Whereas,** clean hands are the single most important factor in preventing the spread of pathogens and antibiotic resistance in healthcare settings; and

**Whereas,** this year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *International Infection Prevention Week*

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 16-22, 2011*, as:

### *International Infection Prevention Week*

in the Mountain State and urge all citizens, government agencies, national organizations, community-based organizations, service groups, public and private healthcare professional to learn the risks and prevention measures of healthcare associated infections.

**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 Twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven, and in the One Hundred Forty-Ninth 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