

# Proclamation

## by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** West Virginia has been home to some of the country's most influential African-American scholars and leaders; and
- Whereas,** Dr. Leon Sullivan, born October 16, 1922, in Charleston, was the first African-American member of the Board of Directors at the General Motors Corporation and his "Sullivan Principles" played a key role in the downfall of apartheid; and
- Whereas,** Booker T. Washington, raised in Malden, founded Alabama's Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in 1881, and was the foremost black educator of the late 19th and early 20th centuries; and
- Whereas,** Henry Louis Gates, born in Piedmont in 1950, is a renowned educator, scholar, literary critic and writer; and
- Whereas,** Dr. Carter G. Woodson, principal of Douglass High School in Huntington, founded what is today's Black History Month; and
- Whereas,** the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs was established in 2012 by the West Virginia Legislature; and
- Whereas,** *Black History Month* is a time set aside to record the achievements of the African-American community and recognize and honor these contributions.

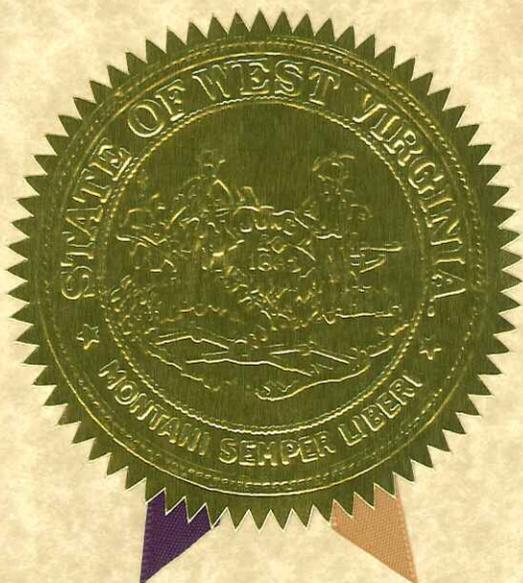
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 2014* as:

### *Black History Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions made by African-Americans in West Virginia and the nation.

**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 Fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-First 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