

**Healthy Body, Healthy Spirits Proclamation** issued by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and passed as a resolution by the WV Senate and House of Delegates:

Whereas, West Virginia is at the top or near top of most national chronic disease lists;

Whereas, churches are powerful forces for positive change in West Virginia communities;

Whereas, almost one in four West Virginia eleven-year olds have high blood pressure, according to West Virginia University CARDIAC testing;

Whereas, West Virginia faith organizations want to be healthy role models for our children and adults;

Whereas, the West Virginia Healthy Bodies Healthy Spirits network has been formed to help faith organizations promote healthier congregations and communities;

Whereas, major faith denominations are collaborating with Try This West Virginia in a statewide campaign to help reverse our poor health.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim February 2016 as: **HEALTHY BODIES HEALTHY SPIRITS MONTH** in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance as I encourage the collaboration of governmental agencies, community organizations and faith-based institutions to be active participants in a movement that promotes health and wellness for all West Virginians.

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 - day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-third year of the state.