



May 20, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WV Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin Proclaims May 2011 Operation Lifesaver Month

CHARLESTON, W.VA. – In order to encourage West Virginians to drive safely and cautiously when approaching highway –rail grade crossings and to avoid trespassing on railroad tracks and rights-of-way, West Virginia Governor Early Ray Tomblin has proclaimed May 2011 Operation Lifesaver Month.

The official Proclamation was signed May 11, 2011, at the West Virginia State Capitol in Charleston.

West Virginia Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit, nationwide public education program whose goal is to reduce collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings, and to reduce trespassing incidents on railroad tracks and rights-of-way. WVOL volunteers present safety information to students, law enforcement, school bus drivers, transportation professionals and other organizations. Since WVOL was organized in 1984, collisions at nearly 8,0000 West Virginia highway-rail grade crossings have decreased approximately 80 percent.

Because May is also National Transportation Month, WVOL safety presentations are scheduled for several schools and civic groups. For more information, please contact Errin Jewell, Marketing and Communications Manager, at ejewell@njrati.org or 304-696-7165.

To schedule a West Virginia Operation Lifesaver classroom presentation for your school, workplace or other organization, complete the contact form at www.wvol.org.

“Building Jobs through Transportation”