



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Virginia businesses provide a wide array of products and services to customers throughout the world, and employ nearly 4 million people throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is currently home to more than 30 Fortune 1,000 firms and more than 70 firms with annual revenues in excess of \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, Virginia ranks among the top ten states best prepared—in knowledge, innovation and internet technology—to navigate the demands of an increasingly globalized economy; and

WHEREAS, Virginia businesses employ a diverse, high-skilled workforce—including the largest concentration of high-tech workers in the country—and generate increased economic opportunity and well-being for all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, Business Appreciation Month is an opportunity to acknowledge the essential role our thriving business community plays in contributing to a stronger, more prosperous Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe do hereby recognize June 2014 as **BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of J. Mark Stewart in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth