



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:

AMERICAN LEGION WEEK

WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a community service organization consisting of wartime veterans; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion is dedicated to strengthening American patriotism by promoting the values of freedom and democracy, and demonstrating the value of volunteerism and love of country; and

WHEREAS, members of the American Legion throughout Virginia and the United States promote the patriotism displayed by our Founding Fathers, by those who have fought to preserve America's freedom, and by those who continue to defend our liberties; and

WHEREAS, members of the American Legion sponsor programs that promote strong families, community involvement, and democracy, such as Boy Scouts of America, American Legion Baseball, Boys and Girls State, and Boys and Girls Nation; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is blessed to be the home of thousands of veterans, many of whom are members of local American Legion posts; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Week is an opportunity to recognize the service of our veterans and to acknowledge their significant contributions to our Commonwealth and country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize November 6-12, 2016, as **AMERICAN LEGION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth