CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

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

PRINCIPALS APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, educating the children of Virginia by increasing their knowledge and understanding and developing positive character traits is of paramount importance in our great Commonwealth, and Virginians are committed to ensuring that no child is left behind; and

WHEREAS, parents are responsible for the education of their children, and principals and teachers are entrusted by parents to guide, direct and impart knowledge to their children while at school; and

WHEREAS, the combined efforts and responsible guidance of our school principals, teachers, and parents are preparing them to be self-reliant and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, principals work tirelessly in communities across Virginia to maintain academic accountability through the Virginia Standards of Learning, to ensure a safe and productive learning environment, and to encourage and facilitate teachers' and parents' efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of our young people; and

WHEREAS, with wisdom and strength of character, principals strive to serve as mentors to teachers and students by providing consistent support and direction; and

WHEREAS, by their diligent work, enthusiasm, perseverance, and sense of duty, principals provide educational leadership throughout our great Commonwealth that helps maintain the standards of excellence expected in the education of Virginia's next generation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize January 23-29, 2011 as **PRINCIPALS APPRECIATION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Robert F. McDonnell
Governor

Janet V. Polarek
Secretary of the Commonwealth