



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:

VIRGINIA SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WEEK

WHEREAS, achieving academic excellence requires that principals work cooperatively to direct, develop, and inspire all members of the school staff and student body, and to communicate effectively with parents to engage them in the learning process; and

WHEREAS, principals are the instructional leaders of the school who seek to provide levels of accountability based on rigor, relevance, and relationships in the curriculum that permeate throughout the school community; and

WHEREAS, principals serve as educational leaders, responsible for managing the policies, regulations and procedures necessary to ensure that all students are supervised in a safe and effective learning environment that maintains the standards of excellence expected in Virginia's public and private schools; and

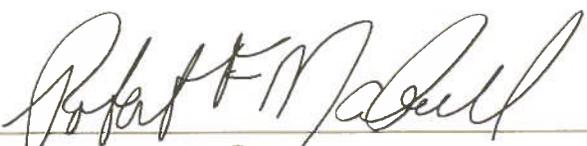
WHEREAS, parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for their children's education, principals and teachers are entrusted with the opportunity and the responsibility of guiding, directing, nurturing, mentoring, and imparting knowledge to these children while they are at school; and

WHEREAS, principals must work collaboratively with teachers, staff, students, parents, and the community-at-large to proactively prepare students to be self-reliant and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, principals work diligently to maintain continuous academic progress in all of Virginia's schools, seeking to make the most productive use of available resources, striving to encourage and facilitate the pursuit of excellence by both teachers and students, and communicating regularly with parents and the community, all in an effort to make positive differences in the lives of our young citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize January 20-26, 2013 as **VIRGINIA SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth