



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:

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of today's workplace, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education provides students with a career pathway for postsecondary education and workplace readiness, and is the foundation of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to Virginia's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education gives students experience in practical, and meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thereby improving the quality of their education; and

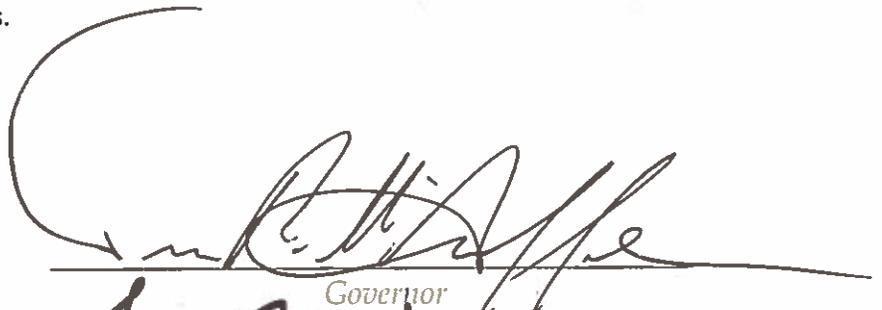
WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills that provide them with more career choices, expanded earning potential, and greater job satisfaction; and

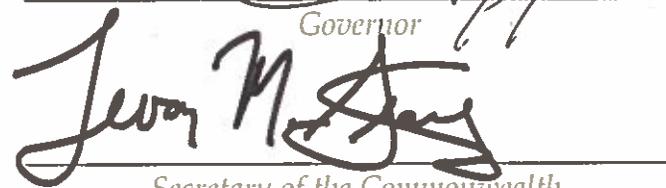
WHEREAS, the cooperative and ever-increasing efforts between career and technical educators, administrators, and representatives of business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our Commonwealth's economy by preparing students for careers in high-demand, high-wage, and highly technologically-skilled areas in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *Opportunities for Career Success*, demonstrates the crucial role that career and technical education plays in readying our students for successful careers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize February 2016 as **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth