



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 work force 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, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize February 2015 as **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Jewell M. Taylor in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth