



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:

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, a strong and effective school system is essential to the economic prosperity of Virginia, and ensures that we continue to make social, technological, and scientific advancements; and

WHEREAS, qualified, dedicated teachers are the foundation of a successful school system and are fundamental to the strength of our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's teachers are entrusted with helping our students reach their full academic potential and exhibit an unwavering devotion to student success; and

WHEREAS, teachers are essential to empowering families and communities to support our children and their potential to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Week is an opportunity for Virginians to join with the teachers around the country on the critical role our teachers play in shaping our children and the future of the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize May 4-8, 2015, as **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth



Virginia Board of Education

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

to Commemorate May 4-8, 2015 as
National Teacher Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, teacher quality is widely acknowledged as the single most important factor influencing student learning and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers, while presenting the rigorous content of the Standards of Learning and local curricula, challenge students to apply what they learn through critical thinking and problem solving; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers prepare students for success in the new Virginia economy through the integration of technology and instruction and through the development of 21st-Century skills, including collaboration and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers strive to instill within their students a lifelong love of learning and discovery; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers encourage students to achieve their goals while recognizing that every student has unique strengths and needs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers, through their service as mentors, coaches and club sponsors model good citizenship and encourage students to contribute to the well-being of their communities; and

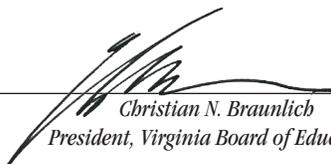
WHEREAS, the commitment of Virginia teachers to academic excellence and college and career readiness is reflected in annual increases in student performance on state and national assessments; and

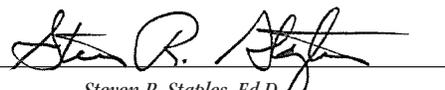
WHEREAS, Virginia teachers directly assist the state Board of Education and the Department of Education in periodic revisions of the Standards of Learning by serving on review committees and in other capacities; and

WHEREAS, this year, the week of May 4-8 is set aside as **National Teacher Appreciation Week** for the purpose of recognizing teachers, both individually and collectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends its sincere gratitude to all Virginia teachers and directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to include this resolution in the minutes of its April 23, 2015, meeting and to communicate it to all of the Commonwealth's public school divisions.

Adopted in Richmond, Virginia, This Twenty-third day of April in the Year 2015.


Christian N. Braunlich
President, Virginia Board of Education


Steven R. Staples, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction