



# 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 VOLUNTEER WEEK

**WHEREAS**, throughout Virginia's history, citizens have actively volunteered their time, talent, and energy to improving our communities and making our Commonwealth a better place for families and individuals to live, work, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, more than 3.2 million Virginians enhance the lives of others by volunteering with service organizations, in schools, churches, hospitals, youth groups and with other organizations that benefit our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer service is needed now more than ever to tackle the tough social, economic, cultural, and humanitarian needs of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteering is both a privilege and an obligation of a free people, and the spirit of volunteerism grows stronger in the face of even the most intractable and challenging situations; and

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Week, honors the many individuals and organizations that lend their time, skill and effort to making our communities more healthy, productive, and humane;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize the the week of April 18 – 24, 2010, as **VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER 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