



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:

AMERICORPS WEEK

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in the areas of education, public safety, health, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members in the Commonwealth carry on the finest tradition of AmeriCorps through their service to the people in underserved communities throughout Virginia; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members earn educational benefits that will improve their lives as well as the lives of their families, communities, and the Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the service of AmeriCorps members inspires and encourages others to engage in national and community service; and

WHEREAS, through the service of AmeriCorps members, the ethics of social responsibility, compassion, and tolerance are reinforced as values that are critical to building a better Commonwealth for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of AmeriCorps members should not go unrecognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize May 9-16, 2009 as **AMERICORPS WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Timothy M. Kaine in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Katherine F. Hanley in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth