



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 selflessly 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, more than 3.2 million Virginians work hard to enhance the lives of others each year by volunteering with service organizations in schools, churches, hospitals, youth groups and with other organizations that benefit our communities; 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, volunteer service is needed now more than ever to tackle the tough social, economic, cultural, and humanitarian needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week honors the many individuals and organization that lend their time, skill and efforts to developing our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize April 19-25, 2009 as **VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER 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