



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:

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK

WHEREAS, the duties of correctional officers include supervising offenders who have been convicted of a crime and are sentenced to serve time in a local jail, regional jail or state correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are committed to ensuring public safety by establishing and maintaining security within the facility and supervising offender conduct and behavior to avoid conflicts and escapes; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are dedicated to protecting offenders while promoting positive behavior, attitudes, and skills which will improve the offenders' chances of becoming productive members of society when they are released from custody; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are crucial to the statewide re-entry initiative by helping prepare offenders to assimilate successfully back into the community upon release thus reducing recidivism; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers strive to maintain a safe working and living environment in correctional facilities throughout the Commonwealth, often in the face of challenges and dangers that threaten their own safety; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize and honor Virginia's correctional officers for the important tasks they perform each day; for the many risks they take to provide for our security outside of Virginia's correctional facilities; and for the sacrifices they make to protect the citizens of our great Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize May 6-12, 2012, as **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth