



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:

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL WEEK

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia are of the utmost importance to the prosperity and livelihood of Virginia's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals throughout the Commonwealth have committed their lives to protecting and serving Virginia's families, businesses, neighborhoods, schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, these individuals risk their lives in the line of duty to maintain the safety of Virginia's communities while striving to uphold the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, all Virginians value the courage, commitment and leadership demonstrated by our state and local law enforcement officers, who work diligently to ensure our safety; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the officers who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize the sacrifices made by the families of those officers, as well as the families of those who continue to protect and serve our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we understand the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement officers within our communities, and commemorate and pay tribute to the dedicated service of officers past and present;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize May 13-19, 2012 as **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.