



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

**VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE WEEK  
AND  
VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE LITERACY WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is the Commonwealth's largest industry, with an economic impact of \$52 billion annually and employment of more than 300,000 workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia farmers market a wide variety of products from more than 46,000 farms, covering 33 percent of the Commonwealth's total land mass, at grocery stores, farm stands, farmers' markets, pick-your-own farms, and other agritourism venues; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia is experiencing record export sales and is opening up new trade offices to meet global demands for food, beverages, fiber and wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, a Virginia farmer feeds his or her own family, plus an additional 155 people here or around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, with all its technological, marketing and scientific innovations, modern-day agriculture is a mystery to many people; therefore, the need for increased agricultural literacy is more crucial than ever for today's citizens and students to understand how food gets from the farm to the fork;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize March 15 – 21, 2015, as **VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE WEEK AND VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE LITERACY WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Jewell M. Taylor in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth