



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 PEACH MONTH

WHEREAS, Virginia growers produce yellow and white peaches, donut peaches and nectarines in three main peach-growing regions: Central, Northern, and Southwestern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, different varieties ripen during different times of the season, so there's a plentiful supply of fruit throughout the summer months, with peak season in August; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Virginia had 244 peach farms; in 2014, the state had 1,200 bearing acres of peaches with a total production of 5,300 tons and ranked 13th among all peach-growing states; and

WHEREAS, the marketing of peaches, summer vegetables, berries and other products through festivals, activities, direct sales and buyer contacts enhance the economic opportunities of many Virginia agricultural producers, and support the agriculture industry overall;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize August 2015 as **VIRGINIA PEACH MONTH** 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