



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 TURKEY LOVERS MONTH

WHEREAS, the delicious taste, versatility, high quality, nutritional value and cooking ease of turkey make it Virginia's fourth highest ranking agricultural product with \$285 million in cash receipts in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Virginia ranks fifth in the United States in turkey production, with 17 million turkeys being raised in the Commonwealth in 2010; and

WHEREAS, turkey is a nutrient-rich, low-fat, high-protein food that is naturally low in sodium, with a 3-ounce serving of roasted, skinless turkey breast containing 26 grams of protein, 45 milligrams of sodium, 1 gram of fat (no saturated fat) and only 120 calories; and

WHEREAS, many experts credit the settlers of Virginia's Jamestown with celebrating the first Thanksgiving as their version of England's ancient Harvest Home Festival; and

WHEREAS, a turkey farmer in Virginia is preparing to raise the National Thanksgiving Turkey, which is expected to be presented to the President of the United States in November 2012, and if history repeats itself, will be pardoned by the President and live the rest of its life at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize June 2012 as **VIRGINIA TURKEY LOVERS MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth