



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:

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur anytime, and can require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property, and the availability of 9-1-1 assistance is integral to the peace of mind of each individual and the security of all communities; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who call the police-fire communications center; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of dedicated telecommunicators daily serve the citizens of Virginia by answering requests for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, and by dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

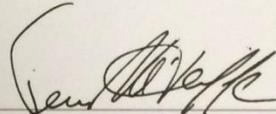
WHEREAS, the professional public safety telecommunicator is the vital link between the citizen or victim and the public safety provider; and

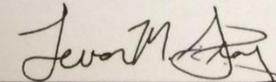
WHEREAS, the dedicated public safety telecommunicators throughout Virginia handle millions of calls to 9-1-1 each year; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the public to be aware of the responsibility to properly use 9-1-1 services by calling only when lives or property are in peril, thus increasing the efficiency of the system and improving the chances that lives will be saved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize April 10-16, 2016, as **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth