



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 PUBLIC-SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Virginians are important to our great Commonwealth; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the dedicated public-safety telecommunicators throughout Virginia handle over four million 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, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize April 8-14, 2012 as **PUBLIC-SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.