



## 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 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety of all Virginians is critical to our great Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of 911 assistance is integral to the peace of mind of each individual and the security of all communities; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of dedicated telecommunicators serve the citizens of Virginia each day by answering requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services, and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional public safety telecommunicator is the vital link between a citizen and a public safety provider; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated public safety telecommunicators throughout Virginia handle over four million calls to 911 each year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for the public to be aware of the responsibility to properly use 911 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 13-19, 2014, as **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK** in the **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 J. Mark Stewart in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth