



# 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:*

## **EARTH SCIENCE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, geology, meteorology, oceanography, and astronomy are fundamental to a better understanding of life on earth; and

**WHEREAS**, earth sciences are important to the conservation and development of energy, mineral, agricultural, and aquatic resources needed for Virginia's future growth and for building a new Virginia economy; and

**WHEREAS**, earth sciences help provide a plan for natural disasters such as earthquakes, landslides, and shoreline erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, "Earth's Connected Systems," the theme of Earth Science Week 2014, engages young people and others in exploring the ways that geosciences illuminate natural change processes; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Science Week promotes understanding and appreciation of the value of earth science research and its contributions to safer, healthier, and more sustainable life on earth; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia is committed to encouraging students and families to learn more about the important role earth sciences play in our understanding of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Science Week is an opportunity to celebrate the earth sciences and to encourage environmental stewardship further increased education;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 12-18, 2014, as **EARTH SCIENCE WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
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Governor

  
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Secretary of the Commonwealth