



# 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**, earth sciences are fundamental to the safety, health, environmental security, and economy of the Commonwealth; and

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

**WHEREAS**, earth sciences help reduce losses from natural hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, and shoreline erosion; and

**WHEREAS**, earth sciences help us better understand and manage human interaction with the planet's natural systems and processes; and

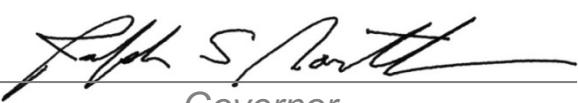
**WHEREAS**, the American Geosciences Institute has organized Earth Science Week since 1998 to help the public gain a better understanding of the earth sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, "Earth Materials in Our Lives," the theme of Earth Science Week 2020, encourages young people to recognize and explore the multitude of ways materials sourced from the Earth shape our daily experience; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize October 11-17, 2020, as **EARTH SCIENCE WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth