



## 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:*

### **DAY TO SERVE 2016**

**WHEREAS**, Virginians are encouraged to make an intentional and united effort to serve their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, approved by Congress and enacted into law on April 21, 2009, requested that September 11<sup>th</sup> be observed as an annual "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; and

**WHEREAS**, Day to Serve is an annual event that transcends political and religious differences to unite people of all faiths, races, cultures, and backgrounds with a shared goal of helping those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly unanimously passed a resolution to designate each day from September 11<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup> in 2015, and in each succeeding year as a Day to Serve in Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, between September 11<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>, Virginians are encouraged to make a concerted effort to feed the hungry, clean up neighborhoods, and improve communities by recognizing and participating in "Day to Serve" activities; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous service projects are planned throughout the Commonwealth between September 11<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens, faith groups, businesses, and community organizations are invited to support and participate in community efforts to collect food, plant trees, clean up neighborhoods and parks, and address critical needs in their own backyards; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginians will join with residents of Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia in participating in "Day to Serve" activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 11, 2016, as **DAY TO SERVE 2016** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomas in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Commonwealth