



## 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:*

### **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VIRGINIA529**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation in 1994, establishing the Virginia Higher Education Tuition Trust Fund (the Fund), an independent agency with a mandate to create a prepaid tuition program to make college more affordable and accessible to all Virginians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund launched several programs that offer assistance to Virginian families, including Virginia529 prePAID and Virginia529 inVEST; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, Virginia529 opened the popular CollegeAmerica program in partnership with the American Funds, followed by the opening of CollegeWealth, an FDIC-insured bank savings program; and

**WHEREAS**, since opening the first prepaid account in 1996, Virginia529 became the largest 529 plan in the country, trusted by millions of families with the responsibility of more than \$55 billion of higher education savings;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize 2016 as the 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VIRGINIA529 in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth