



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:

COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH

WHEREAS, Virginians value education and recognize that post-secondary education at colleges, graduate schools, vocational schools and technical institutions is an investment in one's future that opens doors to better jobs and higher earnings; and

WHEREAS, saving in advance for higher education can help Virginians reach their personal and professional goals and avoid student loan debt; and

WHEREAS, 529 plans allow Virginians to dedicate funds towards their own education or the education of a loved one in an account that will grow tax free for qualified higher education expenses; and

WHEREAS, students of any age, whether they are kindergarteners, middle school students or adults who require additional training to advance their careers, may be beneficiaries of a 529 account; and

WHEREAS, Virginia529 is the state agency that helps families afford tuition through four flexible 529 programs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia residents may deduct contributions to Virginia529 accounts – up to \$4,000 per account per year – for state income tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, as the school year begins, Virginia recognizes September as College Savings Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 2015 as **COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH** 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 Jewell M. Taylor in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Commonwealth