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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY ISSUES LABOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Richmond, Virginia -- The Department of Labor and Industry today issued a proclamation signed by Governor Warner commemorating Labor Day in honor of the working men and women of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The proclamation recognizes Virginia's employees for their leadership, honesty, skill, and diligence, and acknowledges the significant role that talented workers play in attracting businesses to their communities. It also affirms the Commonwealth's commitment to helping create job opportunities and fostering safe, healthy and productive work environments for employees and employers.

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country.

The proclamation is posted on the Department of Labor and Industry's Web site at http://www.doli.virginia.gov/infocenter/media_room/newsreleases/labordayproc092004.pdf.

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CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

LABOR DAY

WHEREAS, the working citizens of the Commonwealth are known internationally for their leadership in several fields and have rightfully earned a worldwide reputation for honesty, integrity, intelligence, skill and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's talented workers and job seekers play a significant role in attracting new businesses and industries to their communities and in retaining established employers that will help strengthen our Commonwealth's economy in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is committed to helping create job opportunities for its citizens and fostering safe, healthy and productive work environments for employees and employers; and

WHEREAS, on Labor Day Virginia's working families and friends can relax and celebrate their achievements in and commitment to the workplace; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 1882 the first Labor Day Holiday was celebrated, and Congress Passed an act on June 28, 1894 declaring the first Monday of September as the Labor Day Holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby recognize September 6, 2004, as **LABOR DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to attention of all our citizens.



Governor

Secretary of the Commonwealth