



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:

LABOR DAY

WHEREAS, the first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union; and

WHEREAS, thousands of American workers gathered to march in the New York City Parade of 1882 in order to raise awareness of the demand for fair pay, decent hours, and safe working conditions; and

WHEREAS, since that day, Labor Day parades have taken place across the United States during the first week of September, as a celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers; and

WHEREAS, Virginia celebrates the vital contributions of working people in the Commonwealth's economy and continues to support their economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, Labor Day is an opportunity to celebrate the progress that has been made for workers' rights in Virginia and across the United States, and to acknowledge the challenges that remain;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 7, 2015, as **LABOR DAY** 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 J. Mark Stewart in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Commonwealth