



## 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:*

### **70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II**

**WHEREAS**, on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II, and celebrated the news of their courageous allies victory; and

**WHEREAS**, men, women, and children of all ages – including the 400,000 who gave their lives and those who supported them on the home front – shared with the United States their example of courage, shared sacrifice, optimism, and service to others, ensuring that future generations were able to live freely; and

**WHEREAS**, the end of the war marked the national effort that defeated the forces and ended the horrific and inhumane treatment of victims of the Holocaust; and

**WHEREAS**, the end of the war also marked the beginning of a new era of rebuilding America; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, Congress voted unanimously for a national “Spirit of ‘45 Day” to honor the legacy of service of the men and women of the WWII generation; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 14, 2015, the Commonwealth of Virginia joins the nation in commemorating the heroes of WWII;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize August 14, 2015, as the **70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II** 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.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Jewell M. Taylor in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth