



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:

PARALEGALS' WEEK

WHEREAS, paralegals provide skilled and essential professional services to licensed attorneys throughout Virginia; and

WHEREAS, paralegals receive formal education and training and gain valuable experience working under the supervision of licensed attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations (VAPA) issues educational standards and professional guidelines to ensure that paralegals are competent and knowledgeable about their field; and

WHEREAS, the research and administrative duties performed by paralegals are essential to the ability of attorneys to provide their clients with quality legal services and representation; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations' member organizations sponsor educational programs, seminars and forums designed to bring paralegals together to exchange ideas and methods used in their occupation; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations encourages paralegals to adhere to a high degree of ethical and professional conduct and proficiency by issuing a code of ethics for paralegals to practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 22-28, 2017, as **PARALEGALS' WEEK** 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 Kelly Thomas in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth