



## 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 2-8, 2016, as **PARALEGALS' WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terence R. McAuliffe".

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Thomas".

Secretary of the Commonwealth