



## 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 gain valuable experience working under the supervision of licensed attorneys; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations (VAPA), which represents more than 1,500 paralegals and students, 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

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations' member associations sponsor educational programs, seminars, and forums designed to bring paralegals together to share best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations encourages paralegals to adhere to a high degree of professionalism by maintaining a code of ethics;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 12-18, 2014, as **PARALEGALS' WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all citizens.



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

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mark Stewart".

Secretary of the Commonwealth