



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, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize October 1-6, 2018, as **PARALEGALS' WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth