



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

VIRGINIA SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, professional school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school counselors implement comprehensive school counseling programs throughout Virginia's schools, and these programs are an important part of the educational process as students grow up in an increasingly complex world while facing the new and often difficult challenges of the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and

WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become workforce and college ready; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize February 7, 2012 as **VIRGINIA SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens; and

FURTHERMORE, National School Counseling Week will be recognized and celebrated throughout the United States from February 6-10, 2012.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth