



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:

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of all Virginians are important to the happiness, livelihood and prosperity of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 56,300 new HIV infections occurred in the United States in 2006; and

WHEREAS, national data through 2007 indicates that Virginia had the 20th highest number of reported deaths due to HIV disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the Virginia Department of Health, at the end of 2009, 22,575 people were reported to be living with HIV/AIDS in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 approximately 71,750 HIV tests were performed in publicly-funded sites in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, faculty and students of universities throughout the Commonwealth along with other educational and medical agencies have worked to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and educational efforts; and

WHEREAS, education is integral to fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS, and prevention efforts and increasing awareness are essential towards improving the health and well-being of all Virginians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize December 1-7, 2011 as **HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth