



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:

PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK

WHEREAS, Virginia's system for adult probation and parole supervision of felons released to the community under conditions of good behavior was approved in the Virginia General Assembly in 1942; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers are charged with the duty of helping to preserve the safety of Virginia's citizens by maintaining contact with released felons, supervising their behavior, ensuring their strict adherence to mandated conditions and assuring their prompt arrest for any non-compliance of parole conditions; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers are crucial to the statewide re-entry initiative by assisting offenders with becoming acclimated back into society as law-abiding citizens by providing direction and by assisting them with employment, education and treatment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers are trained professionals who protect our communities by upholding the law and working with community agencies and groups to encourage crime prevention, intervention and support; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers are in support of rehabilitative justice and helping reformed offenders re-enter our society as productive citizens after they have served their sentences, and their efforts are an important part of our criminal justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize July 17-23, 2011, as **PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth