



## 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:*

### **NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, every Virginian deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe environment, free from the harmful effects of lead; and

**WHEREAS**, at least four million households around the country include children who are exposed to high levels of lead; and

**WHEREAS**, although individuals with lead poisoning often exhibit no symptoms, lead interferes with normal brain development, and is associated with permanently reduced IQ, learning disabilities, behavioral disorders, and has been cited as an indicator of decreased lifelong learning potential; and

**WHEREAS**, very high levels of lead poisoning can cause seizures, comas, and even death; and

**WHEREAS**, the major source of lead exposure is the dust from deteriorating lead-based paint or renovations to houses or childcare facilities built before 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth collaborates with federal, state, and local partners to ensure lead-safe housing for all Virginians, by developing and enforcing policies that support the prevention of lead exposure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth works to increase the testing of children determined to be at-risk for lead exposure and community awareness of potential lead hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, October 25-31, 2015, is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week; and

**WHEREAS**, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is an opportunity for Virginians to take part in educational activities and spread awareness of lead poisoning prevention measures;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 25-31, 2015, as **NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink.

Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth