



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:

VIRGINIA ARCHIVES MONTH

WHEREAS, archives preserve the records of an open democracy and safeguard the rights and freedoms of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's archival treasures, which date from the founding of the colony to the present, record the history and accomplishments of the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's archives allow everyone to celebrate and study the rich and diverse history of the Commonwealth and its people; and

WHEREAS, archivists and archival institutions are at the forefront of saving the historical record in traditional formats such as paper, maps, photographs, and architectural records, as well as contemporary formats such as moving images, sound recordings, and electronic records; and

WHEREAS, archivists and archival institutions work diligently to preserve and make the Commonwealth's documented history accessible to present and future generations of Virginians and others; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, Virginians are encouraged to visit the many archival and special collections around the Commonwealth and to recognize the hard work of Virginia's archivists;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 2016 as **VIRGINIA ARCHIVES MONTH** 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

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomas in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth