



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:

WEATHERIZATION DAY

WHEREAS, Virginia has a long-standing commitment to conserve its energy resources and to help low-income households through the Weatherization Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has administered the Weatherization Program since its inception in 1976, providing a variety of state and federal resources through 20 community action agencies, housing authorities, and departments of local government that serve people in every city and county in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the program has produced energy cost reductions in more than 42,500 homes in Virginia, affecting thousands of people, many of whom are elderly, disabled or children; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Program's local service providers consider weatherization a vital part of their overall effort to provide a cost-effective permanent solution for reducing the heavy energy burden on low-income Virginians and provide affordable and safe housing for all; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Program not only assists in reducing energy costs and providing efficient housing, but also contributes more broadly to the improvements and progress of communities by eliminating carbon emissions, stimulating local economies, creating jobs, and stabilizing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the importance of these programs that ensure that all residents have the opportunity to live in energy-efficient, healthy, safe, and comfortable homes across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, October is National Energy Awareness Month, and October 30 is designated as National Weatherization Day; and

WHEREAS, National Weatherization Day is an opportunity to focus local, state, and national attention on the benefits of weatherization and the work being performed by the dedicated members of the Weatherization Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 30, 2014, as WEATHERIZATION DAY in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.





Governor



Secretary of the Commonwealth