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## Weatherization Day

10/30/2015

**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 Assistance Program since its inception in 1976, providing a variety of state and federal resources through 19 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 44,800 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, 2015, as **WEATHERIZATION DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

## GOVERNOR TERRY MCAULIFFE

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