



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:

WEATHERIZATION DAY

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy developed the Weatherization Assistance Program in 1976 as the federal government's cost-effective permanent solution for reducing the heavy energy burden on low-income Americans; and

WHEREAS, the program, administered through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, has produced energy cost reductions in more than 40,000 homes, affecting thousands of people, many that are elderly, the disabled and children; and

WHEREAS, the program's local service providers consider weatherization a vital part of its overall effort to help people of low income gain energy-efficient and affordable housing and other basic necessities that enable them to advance socially and economically; and

WHEREAS, the program also saves the lives and improves the health and safety of families by identifying carbon monoxide hazards, poor indoor air quality and other health threats; and

WHEREAS, the program not only assists families working toward self-sufficiency, but also contributes more broadly to the improvements and progress of communities by eliminating carbon emissions, stimulating local economies through the purchase of goods and services, creating jobs and stabilizing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the importance of these programs that ensure that all residents, especially those living at or below the federal poverty level, have the opportunity to live in energy-efficient, healthy, safe and comfortable homes across our Commonwealth as provided by the Weatherization Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize October 30, 2013 as **WEATHERIZATION DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth