



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:

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 the public to celebrate and study our Commonwealth's rich history, its communities and people, and to learn from the efforts and actions of our predecessors; and

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

WHEREAS, all Virginians are encouraged to become more familiar with archival institutions in their communities and throughout the Commonwealth and I applaud the efforts of those who maintain these valuable cultural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize October 2011 as **VIRGINIA ARCHIVES MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth