



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 SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, school bullying is a significant problem in the United States and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 160,000 students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying can assume many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) has developed a model policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors; and

WHEREAS, VSBA Bullying Prevention Month encourages parents, students, teachers, and administrators to be aware of when bullying occurs and to take timely and appropriate actions to end bullying in their classes and schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 2017 as **VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth