



# 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:*

## **BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, school bullying has become an increasingly significant and prevalent problem throughout the Commonwealth and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than twenty percent of the United States' youth are involved in bullying each year, either as a victim or as an aggressor; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying can assume many forms, including verbal, physical, emotional, and cyber, and can happen both on and off school grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for Virginia parents, students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of and address bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize October 2021, as **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