



# 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:*

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education provides students with a career pathway for postsecondary education and workplace readiness and is the foundation of a strong, well-educated workforce which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to Virginia's leadership in the international marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education gives students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating high achievement for all students, and giving all students leadership opportunities in their chosen careers in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills that provide them with career choices, expanded earning potential, and job satisfaction; and

**WHEREAS**, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts between career and technical educators, career and technical education administrators, and business and industry representatives stimulate the growth and vitality of our Commonwealth's economy and by preparing students for careers in high demand, high wage, and highly technological skilled areas in a global economy;

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



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth