



# 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:*

## **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, all children should have access to an education that meets their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, and supporting culturally-diverse student populations; and

**WHEREAS**, children's mental health and resilience are directly linked to their learning and development; and

**WHEREAS**, schools provide an opportunity to promote the good mental health of children because of the positive nature of the learning environment and the availability of trained, caring adults; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists are specially trained to deliver mental health services and academic support, both of which promote resilience, competence, and wellness in children; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists facilitate collaboration between parents and educators to identify and reduce risk factors, promote protective factors, create effective, caring schools, increase access to resources for underserved communities, and implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginians recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme for School Psychology Awareness Week is "Small Steps Change Lives";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize November 14-18, 2016, as the **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth