



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 BIKE TO WORK WEEK

WHEREAS, bicycling is a fundamental mode of transportation and an integral component of efficient transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting is encouraged as a travel option and an effective means to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes bicycle commuting benefits for both employees and employers through better health and fitness and reduced commuting and parking costs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to an expansive public bicycle network, including hundreds of miles of bike lanes and bicycle trails, such as, W & OD Trail, Virginia Capital Trail, High Bridge Trail, Virginia Creeper Trail; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Internal Revenue Service added bicycle commuting reimbursement to the list of benefits covered, allowing employers to provide up to \$20 per month in tax free benefits to an employee for costs accrued from biking to work; and

WHEREAS, many counties, cities, and universities in Virginia have implemented bikeshare programs and many transit agencies have bike racks on buses; and

WHEREAS, bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to positively impact Virginia's economy and tourism industry and stimulate economic development by making the Virginia attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the outdoors and healthy lifestyles;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize May 15-19, 2017 as **VIRGINIA BIKE TO WORK WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth