



## 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:*

### **FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEMORIAL WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel play essential roles in saving lives and protecting property in communities throughout Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 886,658 fire and more than 1.4 million EMS responses in Virginia in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth is thankful for all fire and EMS professionals who put their lives in danger in order to safeguard the lives and property of Virginians; and

**WHEREAS**, on the first Saturday of June, a statewide memorial service is held to pay tribute to firefighters and emergency medical services personnel who have paid the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel who died serving the people of the Commonwealth in 2016 will be recognized at the 2017 Virginia Fallen Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service on June 3, at the Richmond International Raceway Complex's Main Exhibition Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire and Emergency Medical Services Memorial Week is an opportunity for Virginians to stand with firefighters and emergency medical services personnel and honor their tremendous sacrifices and continued devotion to serving the Commonwealth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize June 4-10, 2017, as **FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEMORIAL WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomas in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth