



## 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:*

### **FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, parents and families are instrumental in helping children reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, parents and families monitor homework, participate in school events, are active members of school groups, and support the work of teachers, administrators, and all school personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, when parents and families are actively involved in their child's school, outcomes for all students improve; and

**WHEREAS**, parent and family involvement must be recognized as a critical component of education; and

**WHEREAS**, a strong partnership between educators and families is necessary for our children to achieve success in school, become productive citizens, and contribute to our communities and society; and

**WHEREAS**, The Virginia Department of Education in collaboration with the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center, Center for Family Involvement at Virginia Commonwealth University, the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Successful Innovations are committed to helping families, schools, and communities work together to build better futures for all children; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Involvement in Education Month is an opportunity to recognize the important relationship between families and education institutions and the work being done throughout the Commonwealth to ensure that Virginians work together to build better futures for all children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize November 2014 as **FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH** 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 Jewell M. Taylor in black ink.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*