



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:

TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the trucking industry plays a critical role in Virginia's economy by transporting over 93 percent of its manufactured goods and 71 percent of its total freight tonnage throughout our great Commonwealth and nation; and

WHEREAS, citizens in over 86 percent of Virginia's communities depend exclusively on the dedicated service of professional truck drivers to receive daily provisions and necessities; and

WHEREAS, over 225,000 Virginians earn their living through employment in the trucking industry; and

WHEREAS, the 3.5 million men and women who drive trucks are the unsung heroes of the American highway and economy, traveling more than 430 billion miles to deliver more than 10.7 billion tons of freight each year to keep our economy running; and

WHEREAS, professional truck drivers are among the safest drivers on America's highways and are dedicated to safety on our highways and in our workplaces, to the industry they work in, and to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of professional truck drivers to our well-being and the economic value of their industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is proper to honor the men and women truck drivers for their past and future contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize November 1-7, 2009 as **TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Timothy M. Kaine in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Katherine H. Hanley in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth