



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:

CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK

WHEREAS, energy serves as the bedrock of our way of life; and

WHEREAS, energy shows up at the flip of a switch or the turn of a dial to do the work of the people of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, energy weaves in and out of every life – invisible to most but essential to all – an invisible matrix of power pulses throughout all modern human endeavors, felt but not seen, often overlooked but never missing; and

WHEREAS, energy generates commerce and fuels economic growth and supplies the simple things in life – heating, cooling, cooking, lighting; and

WHEREAS, energy supports modern society's complex systems – patient care, air traffic control, running a business or even a state; and

WHEREAS, energy makes possible the fun things in life – lights at the baseball field, air conditioning at the theater, rides at the state fair; and

WHEREAS, energy provides careers to tens of thousands of residents who serve in every community; and

WHEREAS, energy careers range from line worker to engineer, construction specialist to accountant, chemist to environmentalist, maintenance laborer to executive – all valued and all essential; and

WHEREAS, to promote continuity and meet the challenges of the growing economy, new workers are needed to bridge into the future by replacing retiring workers and maintaining a skilled and diverse workforce; and

WHEREAS, through strategic partnerships the Virginia Energy Workforce Consortium strives to promote a unified and results-oriented effort to ensure people can learn about and be prepared for careers in energy so that Virginia can continue to grow in prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize October 15-21, 2011 as **CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth