



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:

VIRGINIA DECA

WHEREAS, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management; and

WHEREAS, DECA is an integral component of classroom instruction, DECA activities provide authentic, experiential learning methods to prepare methods for college and careers, and

WHEREAS, DECA members put their knowledge into action through rigorous project-based activities that require creative solutions with practical outcomes; and

WHEREAS, partnerships with businesses at all levels provide DECA members realistic insight into industry and promote meaningful, relevant learning; and

WHEREAS, like the global economy, a spark of competition drives DECA members to excel and improve their performance; and

WHEREAS, DECA members are ambitious, high-achieving leaders equipped to conquer the challenges of their aspirations; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the benefit of service and responsibility to the community, DECA members continually impact and improve their local and broader communities, and

WHEREAS, DECA members are poised professionals with ethics, integrity, and high standards; and

WHEREAS, DECA members are empowered through experience to provide effective leadership through goal setting, consensus building and project implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize **VIRGINIA DECA** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens; and

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 9th day of November, 2011.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth