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:

EARTHQUAKE SHAKEOUT DAY

WHEREAS, damaging earthquakes pose a continuing threat to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2011**,** a historic 5.8 magnitude earthquake centered in Louisa County, which caused extensive damage in Virginia and was felt in the surrounding area, and along the eastern seaboard; and

WHEREAS, community resiliency depends on the preparedness levels of members of the community; and

WHEREAS, when individuals, families, schools, organizations, businesses, and government come together to take actions to prepare for earthquakes, everyone's safety improves; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2014, at 10:16 a.m., Virginia joins other states and countries from around the world in a ShakeOut – a simultaneous, multi-state earthquake drill; and

WHEREAS, the Great SouthEast ShakeOut provides Virginians with the information necessary to learn about how to protect life and property during an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, individuals, families, schools, businesses and organizations are encouraged to gather information at readyvirginia.gov;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 16, 2014, as **EARTHQUAKE SHAKEOUT DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,** and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.