



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 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is home to an abundance of natural resources which are vital to the maintenance of Virginia's high standard of living and continued growth and development; and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance that we protect Virginia's precious natural resources while preserving our environment for future generations of Virginians; and

WHEREAS, good conservation helps to ensure that the Commonwealth continues to have productive farmlands and clean waters; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's observance, "Celebrating Conservation," reminds us that by almost every standard, our lives and the quality of our environment is better than it was 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, all citizens benefit from continued care of our natural resources and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide local conservation leadership for America's working lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby recognize October 16-22, 2005 as **NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Mark R. Warner
Governor

Anita A. Rindler
Secretary of the Commonwealth