



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:

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

WHEREAS, National Community Planning Month is recognized by the American Planning Association's American Institute of Certified Planners, as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our settlements and environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Community Planning Month in conjunction with National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the Commonwealth of Virginia and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize October 2008 as **COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA** and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Governor

Secretary of the Commonwealth