



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:

NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT DAY

WHEREAS, in 1931 the United States Congress adopted the Star-Spangled Banner as the National Anthem of the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite the importance of the Star-Spangled Banner in the history of the United States, a recent Harris Interactive Survey indicated that of men and women eighteen years of age and older, sixty-one percent of respondents did not know all of the lyrics of the song's first stanza; and

WHEREAS, National Anthem Project Day seeks to promote popular awareness and understanding of the historical significance of this song; and

WHEREAS, music education helps to preserve the musical traditions and historical legacies of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the study of music helps to engage students through individual and group activities, thereby encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Music Education (MENC) and the Virginia Music Educators Association have taken a lead role in promoting the importance of the National Anthem through, "The National Anthem Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is concerned with maintaining and improving school music programs for all students while emphasizing the importance of understanding historical events that have played key roles in creating our great nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, that I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby declare September 14, 2005 as **NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Mark R. Warner
Governor

Anita A. Rinker
Secretary of the Commonwealth