



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:

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY

WHEREAS, the first Germans to land in Virginia arrived at Jamestown aboard the vessel Mary and Margaret in 1608; and

WHEREAS, by 1620, German mineral specialists and saw-mill wrights followed to work and settled in the Virginia colony as skilled craftsmen, glassmakers, and carpenters and

WHEREAS, German immigrants and their descendants have contributed to all aspects of Virginian and American culture, commerce, and history for more than 400 years; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2018, the Association of German-American Societies of Greater Washington, D.C., (AGAS) will celebrate the 1987 joint resolution of the United States Congress, signed by the President, proclaiming German-American Day; and

WHEREAS, German-American Day is an opportunity to recognize the large German-American community in Virginia, whose abilities and contributions strengthen Virginia's culture and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize October 6, 2018, as **GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Ralph S. Northam

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