



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, 2016, 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, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 6, 2016, as **GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth