



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:

IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, in October 1990, the 101st United States Congress passed Public Law 101-418, which established March 1991 as Irish-American Heritage Month, and the president issues a proclamation commemorating the occasion each year; and

WHEREAS, generations of Irishmen and women have helped shape the idea of America, overcoming hardship and strife through strength and sacrifice, faith, and family; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month, we recognize the Irish people's contributions to our country; and

WHEREAS, the Irish are inextricably linked to the growth of the United States in fields ranging from literature, education, and science, to politics, law enforcement, and military; and

WHEREAS, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Irish-American inventors and entrepreneurs who helped define our country as the land of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the sacrifices and contributions that generations of Irish-Americans have made to build a better America, and we renew the bonds of friendship that will forever tie Ireland and the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize March 2021 as **IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth