



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:

ARCHIVES WEEK

WHEREAS, archives preserve the laws of an open democracy and safeguard the rights and freedoms of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's archived records, which date from the settlement at Jamestown to the present, record the history and accomplishments of the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the history and accomplishments of the Commonwealth of Virginia and its citizens are represented in the documents and records created by and for all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, our Commonwealth's archived records allow everyone to celebrate and study the rich and diverse history of the Old Dominion's communities and people, to trace familial lineages, and to learn from the efforts and actions of our predecessors; and

WHEREAS, archivists and archival institutions are at the forefront of saving all formats and media, such as paper, photographs, maps, architectural records, moving images, sound recordings and digital records, and they work diligently to preserve and make the Commonwealth's documentary history accessible to future generations of Virginians; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all Virginians to become more familiar with the archival institutions in their communities and throughout our Commonwealth, and I applaud the efforts of those who maintain these valuable cultural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby recognize October 10-16, 2004, as **ARCHIVES WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Mark R. Warner
Governor

Anita A. Rindler
Secretary of the Commonwealth