



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:

JOHN TYLER DAY

WHEREAS, John Tyler was born in Charles City County, Virginia to John Tyler, Sr. - later Governor of Virginia - and Mary Armistead on March 29, 1790, graduated from the college of William and Mary, read law with his father, and was admitted to the bar at age 19; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler served as Captain of the Charles City County militia during the War of 1812, ready to defend against an expected attack by the British on Richmond up the James River corridor; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler led a life dedicated to public service, being first elected to the Virginia House of Delegates at age 21, and served there from 1811-1816 and again in 1823-1825 and 1838-1840, including serving as Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler served in the United States House of Representatives from 1816-1821, as Governor of Virginia from 1825-1827, and as United States Senator from 1827-1836; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler developed a reputation as a man of great principle and independence, who placed policy ahead of party doctrine; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler was elected as Vice President of the United States in 1840 on a ticket with William Henry Harrison, also born in Charles City County, under the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too" and John Tyler became President of the United States on April 4, 1841 following President Harrison's untimely death; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler served as President of the United States with great distinction from 1841 to 1845, asserting the power of the Presidency over the Cabinet and in relation to the Congress, but also championing the rights of the individual states and economic independence; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler's leadership in foreign policy led to a treaty with Great Britain defining the boundary between Maine and Canada, a trade treaty with China, the extension of the Monroe Doctrine to Hawaii, and his strong support of Texas statehood led to the Republic of Texas' voluntary annexation by the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize March 29, 2013 as **JOHN TYLER DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED, that March 29, 2013 marks the 223rd birthday of John Tyler, a loyal public servant and an important leader in both Virginia and American history.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth