



# 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:*

## **EARTHQUAKE SHAKEOUT DAY**

**WHEREAS**, damaging earthquakes pose a continuing threat to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, an historic 5.8 magnitude earthquake centered in Louisa County on August 23, 2011, caused extensive damage in Virginia and was felt along the eastern seaboard of the United States and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth and its cities and counties have a responsibility to plan appropriately for earthquake-related disasters and promote earthquake preparedness to our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all members of the community – individuals, families, schools, organizations, businesses and government; and

**WHEREAS**, the October 18, 2012, Great SouthEast ShakeOut provides all Virginians the opportunity to join millions of other Americans in practicing earthquake safety by participating in a simultaneous multi-state earthquake drill; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, families, schools, businesses and organizations can use the information on [www.ShakeOut.org/southeast](http://www.ShakeOut.org/southeast) to learn about the actions to take to protect life and property during an earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, by registering at [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org), Virginians can participate in the “Drop, Cover and Hold On” Great SouthEast ShakeOut earthquake drill set for Oct. 18 at 10:18 A.M.;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize October 18, 2012, as **EARTHQUAKE SHAKEOUT DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I encourage all citizens at home, at school and at work on that day to practice earthquake safety by registering and participating in the Great SouthEast ShakeOut for the purposes of building a safer, more prepared and resilient community.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth