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:

OPERATION DRY WATER

WHEREAS, alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use is one of the leading contributing factors in all boating accidents; and

WHEREAS, alcohol affects judgment, vision, balance and coordination for both boat operators and passengers; and

WHEREAS, a boater is likely to become impaired more quickly than the driver of an automobile because the motion, vibration, engine noise, sun, wind and spray common in the marine environment intensify the effects of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, "Operation Dry Water" was created by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and its partners to address this public health, safety and law enforcement issue; and

WHEREAS, "Operation Dry Water" is a coordinated national weekend of Boating Under the Influence detection and enforcement to detect, deter and educate all boaters, aimed at reducing injuries and fatalities resulting form boating under the influence; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission considers it a duty of the highest importance to protect all citizens from death or injury as a result of recreational boating accidents caused by alcohol use;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize June 26-28, 2009 as **OPERATION DRY WATER** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Governor

Katherine K. Hanley

Secretary of the Commonwealth