



## 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:*

### IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, generations of Irishmen and women have helped shape the identity of America, overcoming hardship and strife through strength, sacrifice, faith, and family; 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 have helped define our country as the land of opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 1990, the 101<sup>st</sup> 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**, as we celebrate Irish American Heritage Month, we recognize the sacrifices and contributions of more than 750,000 Virginians of Irish descent that strengthen the Spirit of Virginia;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize March 2024, as **IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



*Glenn Youngkin*  
Governor

*Kenny Lee*  
Secretary of the Commonwealth