



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is officially recognized:

COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, the vision of the Virginia Collaborative Professionals (VaCP), a non-profit statewide network of licensed and independently practicing attorneys, mental health and financial professionals, is to advance the values and use of the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Process for dispute resolution in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Practice is an innovative new way to resolve disputes respectfully – without going to court – while working with licensed professionals to help move the dispute process forward legally, financially and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Practice offers a way to resolve disputes in a creative manner that addresses the needs and concerns of others that may be affected by the dispute, for example, children in a divorce, family members involved in a conflict over an estate, and people involved in business disputes, and empowers those involved to make decisions; and

WHEREAS, in many disputes, those involved benefit from compassion and education in support of peaceful, client-centered arrangements that reduce conflict and provide a legacy of cooperation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize November 16, 2009 as **COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AWARENESS DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA** and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Timothy M. Kaine in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Katherine F. Hanley in blue ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth