



**Governor of Virginia Terence McAuliffe
Proclamation - Day to Serve 2017**

9/11/2017

WHEREAS, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, approved by Congress and enacted into law on April 21, 2009, requested that September 11th be observed as an annual “National Day of Service and Remembrance”; and

WHEREAS, Day to Serve is an annual event that transcends political and religious differences to unite people of all faiths, races, cultures, and backgrounds with a shared goal of helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, volunteer efforts strengthen communities within the Commonwealth and volunteers serve with compassion; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly unanimously passed a resolution to designate each day from September 11th to October 11th in 2015, and in each succeeding year, as a Day to Serve in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, between September 11th and October 11th, Virginians are encouraged to make a concerted effort to feed the hungry, clean up neighborhoods, and improve communities by recognizing and participating in “Day to Serve” activities; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Office on Volunteerism and Service offers numerous service projects throughout the Commonwealth between September 11th and October 11th; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, faith groups, businesses, and community organizations are invited to support and participate in community efforts to collect food, plant trees, clean up neighborhoods and parks, and address critical needs in their own backyards; and

WHEREAS, Virginians will join with residents of Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia in participating in “Day to Serve” activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 11, 2017, as **DAY TO SERVE 2017** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.