



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

VIRGINIA ALPACA FARM DAYS

WHEREAS, in Virginia there are approximately 200 members registered under the Alpaca Owner's and Breeder's Association, owning an average of 15 alpacas per herd; and

WHEREAS, the state of Virginia recognizes the alpaca as livestock; and

WHEREAS, Virginia recognizes and celebrates the farmers who prepare, maintain and provide for proper alpaca husbandry in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the alpaca being an earth friendly species allows farmers to maintain green space and keep the family farm in existence; and

WHEREAS, the alpaca's opulent fleece produces a high-quality fiber, provides warmth, and is hypoallergenic and extremely soft; and

WHEREAS, qualities of alpaca fiber comes in 22 colors that are recognized by the textile industry, and there are many blends in addition to that; and

WHEREAS, Virginia alpaca farms continue to make a larger contribution to the Commonwealth's agricultural production as the industry grows;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize September 26 and 27, 2009 as **VIRGINIA ALPACA FARM DAYS** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Kaine".

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine F. Hanley".

Secretary of the Commonwealth