



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:

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

WHEREAS, earth sciences are fundamental to the safety, health, environmental security, and economy of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, earth sciences are important to the conservation and development of energy, mineral, agricultural, and water resources needed for Virginia's future growth; and

WHEREAS, earth sciences help reduce losses from natural hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, and shoreline erosion; and

WHEREAS, earth sciences help us better understand and manage human interaction with the planet's natural systems and processes; and

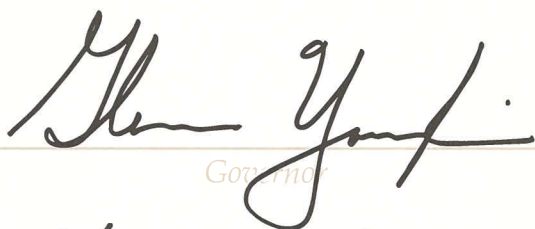
WHEREAS, the American Geosciences Institute has organized Earth Science Week since 1998 to help the public gain a better understanding of the earth sciences; and

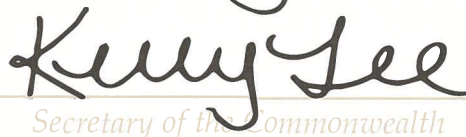
WHEREAS, the 2023 theme of Earth Science Week is "Geoscience Innovating for Earth and People", a theme that emphasizes how innovation in this field supports health and sustainability while improving environmental problem solving; and

WHEREAS, Earth Science Week is an opportunity to celebrate the earth sciences and to encourage environmental stewardship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize October 8-14, 2023, as **EARTH SCIENCE WEEK** in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth