



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

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

### **SIXTH ANNUAL ALUMNI CHARITY CHALLENGE**

**WHEREAS**, Virginians are encouraged to make an intentional and united effort to be of service to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alumni Charity Challenge is an annual event that was established in 2013 with a shared goal of helping those in need and improving our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alumni Charity Challenge helps address the unmet needs of people, fill geographical gaps in service delivery, loosen constraints faced by providers, and break down barriers people face in accessing the charitable feeding networking; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2013 to 2017, more than 30 alumni chapters of Commonwealth of Virginia colleges and universities and out-of-state universities participated in the event, resulting in the collection of 80,000 pounds of canned goods that were donated to the Central Virginia Food Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2018, the VCU Alumni Richmond GOLD Chapter will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Charity Challenge, and citizens of the Commonwealth are encouraged to join to make a concerted effort to feed the hungry and end hunger insecurity by collecting 75,000 pounds of canned goods within 3 hours;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize September 12, 2018, as **SIXTH ANNUAL ALUMNI CHARITY CHALLENGE** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



*Ralph S. Northam*  
Governor

*Kelley Thomas*  
Secretary of the Commonwealth