



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:*

## **Myocarditis Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, myocarditis is a rare form of heart disease that causes inflammation of the muscular layer of the wall of the heart; and

**WHEREAS**, while cardiovascular conditions are often associated with the elderly population, myocarditis can affect anyone, including young adults, children, and infants; and

**WHEREAS**, myocarditis is a leading cause of sudden death in children and young adults, and most people have never heard of it; and

**WHEREAS**, myocarditis is a poorly understood, often undiagnosed illness which can rapidly progress to heart failure and death; and

**WHEREAS**, the true incidence is unknown due to the variable nature of presenting symptoms and the lack of recognition of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for myocarditis, however treatments are effective if caught in the early stages; and with research, more is being learned about the condition every day; and

**WHEREAS**, research is an integral part of the worldwide fight against myocarditis, the causes, the symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment, but public awareness is equally as important; and

**WHEREAS**, now is the time to focus on informing the public about this typically unknown disease; and

**WHEREAS**, no one should be alone in the fight against myocarditis;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize April 2023, as **MYOCARDITIS AWARENESS MONTH** in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth