



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:

WILLIAM BARTON ROGERS DAY

WHEREAS, William Barton Rogers was one of the most internationally recognized and respected authorities on geology and the Appalachian mountains during his lifetime, and today he is widely-regarded as a great American investigator, teacher and citizen whose contributions to the development of American geology represent the first scientific approach towards field and laboratory studies of geology; and

WHEREAS, William Barton Rogers was a student and—following in the footsteps of his father—a professor at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia from 1828 to 1835, after which he left for a professorship at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia; and

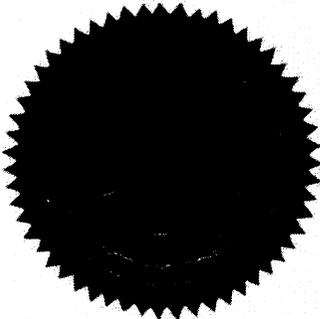
WHEREAS, after being appointed by the General Assembly as the first State Geologist in 1935, William Barton Rogers spent six years conducting the first geological survey of the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, work that required traveling across Virginia—which at the time encompassed a greater landmass, including West Virginia, than Virginia’s modern borders—as well as conducting geological research and collecting data about the Commonwealth’s diverse mineral resources and land features; and

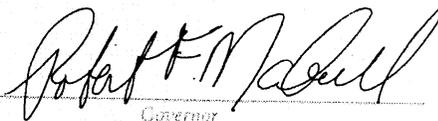
WHEREAS, William Barton Rogers became known as the “father of modern laboratory science” at the University of Virginia, where he became convinced that student learning and development would be enhanced if students were required to perform experiments themselves rather than simply observing demonstrations by instructors; and

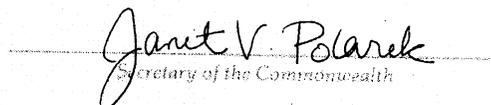
WHEREAS, William Barton Rogers used his novel educational theories to found a world-class institute of learning—the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)—that is unique in its far-reaching impact and success, and this year MIT celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, the highest peak in Virginia is named Mount Rogers, a testament to the enduring vision of William Barton Rogers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize June 11, 2011 as **WILLIAM BARTON ROGERS DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth