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Governor McAuliffe Declares Oct. 1-7 Virginia Newspaper Week

Richmond, Va. – Governor Terry McAuliffe has declared October 1-7, 2017 Virginia Newspaper Week. The governor officially recognized the week citing the 1776 Virginia Declaration of Rights as the, “first declaration of rights to call for a free press.”

The governor made the declaration at the request of the Virginia Press Association (VPA). He noted that VPA has been championing newspapers and the ideals of a free press since 1881 and that Virginia Newspaper Week helps to “remind citizens of the necessity of a free press.” Governor McAuliffe also reminded Virginians that newspapers foster accountability, transparency, improved public policy, participation and responsiveness in the everyday lives of citizens.

The Virginia Press Association provides Virginia newspapers with training, professional development and advocacy.

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