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CELEBRATING INTERNAL AUDIT AWARENESS MONTH

Internal auditors are independent, objective professionals who assist organizations in improving their operations and accomplishing their objectives. Supporting our internal audit staff, Virginia Governor Youngkin issued a proclamation that designates May as Internal Audit Awareness Month.

While not internal, the 14 performance auditors at the Office of the State Inspector General practice integrity and ethical conduct as they assist state agencies and Internal Audit Programs throughout the Commonwealth to promote and achieve efficient and effective operations.

"As audit professionals, we continue to raise awareness about what we do and demonstrate the value we provide to state government," said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall. "Each and every day, OSIG's performance auditors and those we work with at state agencies identify ways to improve state government operations and safeguard assets."

The Institute of Internal Auditors provides resources on its website to promote Internal Audit Awareness Month. Here is a link to the <u>IIA's website</u> for more information about Internal Audit.

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Established in 2012, the Virginia Office of the State Inspector General manages the State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline; conducts investigations and performance audits of state agencies; provides training and standards for the commonwealth's internal audit programs; and conducts inspections and reviews of Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services-run facilities and programs.