



Kathy J. Spangler, Executive Director, 2019 Commemoration



Kathy J. Spangler is Executive Director of Virginia's 2019 Commemoration. The 2019 Commemoration marks the 400th anniversary of four landmark events in 1619, which set Virginia and America on a course towards the ideals of Democracy, Diversity and Opportunity. As the Executive Director, Ms. Spangler serves as principal liaison to the 2019 Commemoration Steering Committee. She is a nationally recognized leader with more than 35 years of experience in public and non-profit management.

Ms. Spangler most recently served as vice president of Save the Children from 2010-2015 in Washington, D.C. During her time at Save the Children, Ms. Spangler led the organization's U.S. Programs, including Head Start. She served in several executive roles from 2007 to 2010 at America's Promise Alliance, where she oversaw the 100 Best Communities for Young People national recognition program. Additionally, Ms. Spangler served four years as the founding director of the National Partnerships, capping her 20-year tenure, from 1987-2007, at the National Recreation and Park Association. She worked as a recreation supervisor and coordinator in New Hampshire from 1979 to 1987.

Ms. Spangler earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maine and achieved the Certified Association Executive credential. She has received numerous awards, including an honorary doctoral degree in 2003 from the University of Maine.



Nancy Rodrigues, Deputy Director, 2019 Commemoration



Nancy Rodrigues is the Deputy Director for Program Administration of Virginia's 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution. The 2019 Commemoration marks the 400th anniversary of key historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619, that continue to influence American democracy, diversity and opportunity. As the Deputy Director, Ms. Rodrigues oversees state-wide engagement, education initiatives, events and legacy project programming and corporate partnerships.

Possessing more than 30 years of public service, Ms. Rodrigues most recently served as Virginia's Secretary of Administration under Governor Terry McAuliffe. Prior, to that appointment she managed her own consulting firm, "Opening Doors to Government Business" and served as the Secretary of the Virginia State Board of Elections from 2007 to 2011 under Governors Tim Kaine and Bob McDonnell. During that time she helped oversee the 2008 election, which was one of the largest elections in Virginia's history. She also served as the Executive Director of "Drive Smart Virginia" for close to a decade, on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation, on the Virginia State Bar Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (6 years), and continues to serve on the Women's Monument Commission.

Rodrigues was born in Newark, New Jersey and completed her undergraduate education with honors at Rutgers University and attended graduate school at the College of William & Mary. She is a former Girl Scout, and lives on a farm in Surry County with her husband, Michael Abley and one pampered dog and one spoiled cat.