

Emblems of the Commonwealth of Virginia



Obverse



Reverse

The Great Seal of the Commonwealth
Adopted 1776

“Sic Semper Tyrannis”

“Thus Always to Tyrants”
appears on the State Seal and
symbolizes victory over tyranny.

Motto
Adopted 1776



Flag
Adopted 1861



Flower and Tree - Dogwood
Flower Adopted 1918
Tree Adopted 1956



Bird - Northern Cardinal
Adopted 1950



Dog - American Foxhound
Adopted 1966



Shell - Oyster
Adopted 1974



Beverage - Milk
Adopted 1982



Boat - Chesapeake Bay Dadrise
Adopted 1988



Folk Dance - Square Dancing
Adopted 1991



Insect - Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly
Adopted 1991



Fish - Brook Trout
Adopted 1993



Fossil - Chesapekten jeffersonius
Adopted 1993



Bat - Virginia Big-Eared Bat
Adopted 2005