



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS DAY

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Virginians is important to the happiness, well-being, and prosperity of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, every child in Virginia is a precious individual, full of promise and great potential; and

WHEREAS, there are over one million children under the age of thirteen in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's early childhood professionals work daily to ensure our children's safety, health, and well-being, and further our children's educational and social skills; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage professional levels of practice among those who have chosen to assist families in safeguarding and nurturing children; and

WHEREAS, Early Childhood Professionals Day is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of those who are working directly with our children and building Virginia's future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize May 8, 2015, as **EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Terence R. McAuliffe in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of J. Mark Stewart in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth