



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

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

EARLY INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, Virginia's children are among our Commonwealth's most valuable, precious and vulnerable citizens, and they require proper care and attention as soon as they are born and throughout their formative years; and

WHEREAS, some children are born with developmental delays and disabilities, and it is crucial that these children receive immediate intervention treatment upon diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia provides early intervention services for the more than 13,000 infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities, and their families throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between state agencies, physicians and other private care providers and families with children with disabilities help ensure the continuation of early intervention services that enhance development and promote the health and well-being of Virginia's children and families; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Virginia's citizens know about early intervention services available to infants and toddlers born with developmental delays and disabilities so families may utilize every opportunity to provide for the health and well-being of their children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize May 2011 as **EARLY INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth