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 INTERVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Virginia’s children are among our 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 to the more than 20,200 infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, partnerships among state agencies, physicians, other private care providers, and families with children with disabilities help ensure that services that enhance development and promote the health and well-being of Virginia’s children and families are continued; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Virginia’s citizens know about the early intervention services available for infants and toddlers 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, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize May 2019 as EARLY INTERVENTION MONTH in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.