



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, children are among the most valuable, precious and vulnerable citizens of our Commonwealth, 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 may provide early intervention services for the approximately 10,000 infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities, and their families, throughout Virginia; 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 children and families in the Commonwealth; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby recognize May 2005, as **EARLY INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Mark R. Warner

Governor

Anita A. Rindler

Secretary of the Commonwealth