



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, there are over 1.8 million children under the age of eighteen 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 6, 2016, as **EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth