



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 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 provide daily for many of these children to ensure their safety, health and well-being, and serve as role models to foster children's educational and social skills; and

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

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and reward the efforts of those who are building Virginia's future, child by child, day by day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize May 11, 2012 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