



## 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**, every child in Virginia is a precious individual, full of promise and great potential; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 510,000 children under the age of five 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, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize May 11, 2018, as **EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



*Ralph S. Northam*  
Governor

*Kelley Morrison*  
Secretary of the Commonwealth