



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 INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Virginia's children are among our Commonwealth's most valuable, precious, and vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, children require proper care and attention as soon beginning at birth 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 upon diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia annually provides early intervention services for approximately 20,200 infants and toddlers living with developmental delays or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between stakeholders help ensure the continuation of early intervention services that enhance development and promote the health and well-being of Virginia's children and families; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Virginia's residents know about early intervention services available to infants and toddlers born 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 Northam, do hereby recognize May 2021 as **EARLY INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Governor

Secretary of the Commonwealth