

Certificate of recognition: "Putting Babies First" Week. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. James S. Gilmore III. June 2000.



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:

"PUTTING BABIES FIRST" WEEK

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of children is of paramount importance, and their parents, families and fellow citizens have both the privilege and the duty to ensure that they grow up in a safe and healthy environment, with caring and responsible role models; and

WHEREAS, many citizens within our Commonwealth are dedicated to volunteering to help underprivileged children, assisting their families with the purchase and distribution of necessity items; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Putting Babies First 2000 is to provide thousands of free diapers, baby wipes and baby formula to low-income families in seven Southwest Virginia counties; and

WHEREAS, many regional businesses, churches, civic groups and individuals are sponsoring the Putting Babies First 2000 Campaign; and

WHEREAS, since August of 1999, Putting Babies First has distributed thousands of items to low income families; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize Putting Babies First 2000 for its' positive, pro-active, beneficial community events that will meet the needs of many families in our Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James S. Gilmore, III, do hereby recognize June 28-July 2, 2000 as **"PUTTING BABIES FIRST" WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



James S. Gilmore III
Governor of Virginia

Anne P. Petter
Secretary of the Commonwealth