

Certificate of recognition: "Putting Babies First" Week. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. James S. Gilmore III. December 1999.



## 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**, children are our most valuable resources, 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, such as diapers, baby wipes and baby formula; and

**WHEREAS**, "Diapers for the Holidays" is the official kick off for "Putting Babies First," a year-round program that provides thousands of diapers, baby wipes and baby formula to underprivileged infants and toddlers in seven counties and three cities of Southwest Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, many regional businesses, churches, civic groups and individuals will sponsor this first time "Diapers for the Holidays," in an effort to meet the needs of underprivileged infants and toddlers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to recognize "Putting Babies First" and its kick off campaign of "Diapers for the Holidays" for its' positive, pro-active, beneficial community events that will meet the needs of many families this holiday season;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James S. Gilmore, III, do hereby recognize December 19-25, 1999 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. Peters*  
Secretary of the Commonwealth