



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:

THE VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN DAY

WHEREAS, The Virginia Foundation for Women was founded in 1994 to create an organization that encourages women to help and be helped by each other; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Virginia Foundation for Women is to promote the welfare of all women and girls through education, collaboration, outreach, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, each year, in celebration of Women's History Month, The Virginia Foundation for Women honors eight Virginia women for their accomplishments and contributions to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, this year's honorees, Lee Smith, Caitlyn Day, Clara Adams Ender, Mary Wade, Nora Houston, Barbara Rose Jones, Mary Johnston, and Bessie Blount, represent all parts of the Commonwealth, and have all had a positive impact in their own communities as well as in the Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the many contributions that women make daily in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby recognize March 3, 2005, as **THE VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Mark R. Warner
Governor

Anita A. Rinker
Secretary of the Commonwealth