

PRINCIPALS APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, a high quality education is one of the most valuable assets one generation may bestow upon the next, imparting knowledge, values and traditions that promote active and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, principals and teachers are entrusted by parents to provide direction and convey knowledge and skills to their children while they are in school, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative efforts of principals and teachers are instrumental in building a strong foundation of knowledge in core academic subjects, critical thinking skills and character development, thereby equipping confident young men and women to build successful careers and families; and

WHEREAS, principals, as the instructional leaders of their schools, have set a positive tone for the implementation of Virginia's education reform efforts, serving as mentors to teachers by providing consistent support and direction, and ultimately helping their schools to rise to the challenge of higher expectations for student academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of principals have made a profound difference in the lives of students across the Commonwealth, helping them to reach challenging goals today and ensuring the promise of future opportunities tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, by their enthusiasm, dedication, perseverance, and diligence, principals consistently provide strong educational leadership throughout our great Commonwealth, helping to maintain high academic standards in safe, pleasant, and nurturing environments, thereby making a substantial difference in the lives of our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James S. Gilmore, III, do hereby recognize May 27-June 2, 2001 as **PRINCIPALS APPRECIATION WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.