

# Mark Warner

**Top 5 Governors  
in America**  
*Time Magazine*

**Chairman of the  
National  
Governors  
Association**

**Best Managed  
State in America**  
*Governing Magazine*



**Highest Score in  
Emergency  
Preparedness**

**Largest Increase  
in K-12 Education  
Funding in  
State History**

**Second Lowest  
Jobless Rate  
In America**

"America is a country that was born of revolution, and Americans' best values are hard work and innovation. Our country has always been at its best when we've given everyone a fair shake and their own shot at the American dream. Americans are ready to step up and meet our challenges. The time is right for us to lead again". *Mark Warner - July 25, 2005*

## Jobs & the Economy

Created thousands of private sector jobs as a Founder of Columbia Capital.  
Eliminated 70 boards and agencies to trim and restructure government.  
Turned a \$6 billion deficit into a \$544 million surplus.  
Lowered taxes for 65% of Virginia citizens through tax reform.  
Protected AAA bond rating & restored Wall St. confidence.  
23,000 new jobs in hardest hit areas of the state.  
2nd lowest unemployment rate in the nation.  
Founded four venture capital funds to help small business entrepreneurs.

## Healthcare

Founding Chairman of the Virginia Healthcare Foundation serving over 600,000 under-insured.  
131,000 children enrolled in state health care program for kids (97%).  
Created SeniorNavigator.com, the definitive Internet site on services for older Virginians needing assistance.  
Proposed record increases in mental health care funding.  
2nd Veterans Hospital to serve Virginia's men and women who served.  
Chaired the National Governors Assoc. Report to Congress on Medicaid Reform.  
Supports increased funding for Stem Cell Research to cure diseases.

## Education

Single largest investment in K-12 Education Funding in state history.  
Second highest college & university funding in the United States.  
Lead National Governors Association project to "Redesign the American High School."  
Allowed high school seniors to obtain one semester of college credit.  
35,000 high school dropouts obtained diplomas in the "Race to the GED."  
Pay increases for Virginia teachers.  
Technology used to improve schools.  
A new community college in the most depressed region of the state.

## Environment

Virginia is #1 in water quality.  
260 rivers, creeks, & streams cleaned.  
Vetoed a bill that would have allowed the federal government to approve drilling near the Virginia coastline.  
First Governor to petition the feds to protect roadless areas of our pristine National Parks.  
Launched an effort to make cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay a national priority.  
Signed eight bills that strengthen Virginia's environment and protect its natural resources.  
Believes Global Warming is real and must be dealt with.

## Homeland Security

Highest score in protecting Virginia citizens from disease, disasters, and bio-terrorism.  
Presides over a state with the second highest number of military bases.  
Created a "national model" high-tech Emergency Command Center.  
Dealt with the aftermath of the 911 attacks on the Pentagon.  
Mobilized state response to the DC area sniper attacks against Virginians.  
Met with Prime Minister Tony Blair, the Prime Minister of Israel, the King of Jordan, and other world leaders.  
Attended the Bilderberg Conference & 2006 World Economic Forum.

## Personal Life

Age: 52  
Married to Lisa Collis and has three daughters.  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Graduated from George Washington University-first in his family to attend college.  
Harvard educated with a law degree.  
Founder of Nextel Communications.  
Managing Founder of Columbia Capital with \$1.2 billion in assets.  
Managed campaign for first African American Governor in America.  
Helped his Lt. Governor succeed him and Democrats gained nine seats since he became governor.

**76% Approval Rating in a 'red' state.  
Governor Warner will lead and deliver for America**

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