



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State places the highest priority on the well-being and development of its children, and recognizes that investing in them through resources for quality child care and early childhood education provides them with a strong foundation for years of learning as young students and for their growth into adulthood; and

Whereas, trained child care providers give children support and care that is critical to their early childhood development and growth; and

Whereas, New York State is home to more than 12,000 family child care homes and more than 7,000 centers that care for over 781,000 children and approximately 27,000 legally-exempt child care providers that care for more than 50,000 children with child care subsidies annually; and

Whereas, individuals who work with children to foster their early childhood education and ensure their well-being throughout these formative years are respected as professionals who are safeguarding the future of New York State; and

Whereas, every year since 1996, the Friday before Mother's Day has been celebrated nationally as "Provider Appreciation Day" and on this 23rd annual observance, New York State will recognize and extend special gratitude to child care providers, school-age program staff, teachers, and all others who are entrusted with caring for our children; and

Whereas, by joining in this observance and supporting its goals, New York State recognizes child care providers and their valuable contributions to children across our state and calls attention to the importance of high quality and available child care services for all children and families;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2018 as

PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirtieth day of April in the year two thousand eighteen.


Governor


Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa