



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, our children are the greatest hope for the future and, by providing them with a solid foundation that includes quality early education, we equip them with tools they need to achieve important accomplishments and success throughout their lives, and New York State recognizes that high-quality early child care services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

Whereas, it is estimated that nearly 11 million children under age five are cared for by 2.8 million child care providers in the United States; in New York State 708,498 children are cared for by 21,181 regulated providers with an additional 77,609 children cared for by 39,178 legally-exempt providers who parents depend on to provide safe, nurturing and educational environments for their children; and

Whereas, research in human development and neuroscience indicates that ninety percent of brain development occurs during the first five years of life, making it crucial that children be provided high quality learning experiences in the early years, so they can grow into healthy, productive, contributing members of society; and

Whereas, the Friday before Mother's Day is known as Provider Appreciation Day, offering a special opportunity to recognize family-based child care providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all those who work with children and who are responsible for their education and care; and

Whereas, by recognizing the dedication of child care providers, we reinforce our belief in the importance of quality child care and let providers throughout our state know that we recognize and value their important work, further reaffirming New York State's commitment to making sure our early childhood education programs are among the best in the nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2014 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 sixth day  
of May in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor