



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, children represent our greatest hope for the future, and by offering them quality early childhood experiences, we are investing in them and increasing their opportunities for successful, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

Whereas, current estimates of New York State data indicate that 757,397 children are cared for by 20,810 regulated child care providers with 34,000 legally exempt providers serving 76,000 children; an additional estimated 15,000 children and youth are served at after-school programs which supplement a child's day by offering a safe, nurturing, and educational environment; and

Whereas, the providers who work with children are responsible for education and care, serving as extended family as well as professionals who encourage children to grow up to become healthy and contributing members of society through quality learning, creativity, expression, and nurturing; these child care providers work in partnership with families, recognizing the role of the family as a child's primary teacher and caregiver and complementing that child care in support of families; and

Whereas, the Friday before Mother's Day is designated nationwide as Provider Appreciation Day to offer recognition and gratitude to child care providers – creative, energetic, passionate, and committed specialists who devote their careers to equipping children in their early years of cognitive and social development with tools and skills that are vital to their future learning; and

Whereas, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services – which is responsible for licensing and regulating quality child care throughout the state – and other organizations, including statewide Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, are recognizing child care providers on this day; and

Whereas, by recognizing the valuable work of child care providers, we reinforce our belief in the importance of high quality and available child care services for all children and families in the Empire State;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2015 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 fourth day
of May in the year two thousand fifteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor