



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New York State is dedicated to the well-being of its children and recognizes that their future depends on the quality of early childhood experiences provided to them today, and our citizens understand that high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

**Whereas**, all children deserve the care and nurturing that will help them reach their full potential with research showing that early childhood is the most critical developmental period in a child's life; it takes a special person to work in this field and the contributions these individuals make to the quality of life for children and families are often unnoticed and overlooked; and

**Whereas**, it is estimated that there are nearly 2.8 million child care providers in the United States and that nearly 12 million children under the age of five are in their care and, in New York State, there are 20,975 regulated providers serving 684,335 children and an additional 53,000 legally-exempt providers serving 87,900 children; and

**Whereas**, child care providers carry out valuable work, sharing with parents the responsibilities of early teacher, role model and nurturer, and quality day care and after-school programs encourage the positive development of youth and at the same time give parents a greater sense of security while they are at work; and

**Whereas**, May 7, 2010 has been designated as "Provider Appreciation Day" in order to acknowledge and express gratitude to child care providers, teachers, and educators of young children and to commend the selfless dedication, commitment and compassion they demonstrate each and every day; and

**Whereas**, New York State will never stop moving forward or working to develop progressive measures that help provide nurturing child care to all working parents, as the dedicated efforts of trained child care providers benefit many families across our State, and it is therefore fitting to support the worthy goals of this observance that acknowledges the exceptional services provided by individuals working in the field of child care;

**Now, Therefore**, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2010 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 third day  
of May in the year two thousand ten.

*David A. Paterson*

Governor

*Lawrence Schwab*  
Secretary to the Governor