

# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New York State recognizes early childhood and child care providers, and appreciates the many school-age program staff, early childhood educators, and all others entrusted with caring for our young children; as integral partners in raising New York's children, parents put their trust in their child care providers in a variety of settings, including family child care, child care centers, and in-home providers who share child-rearing responsibility; and

**Whereas**, New York State has an estimated 10,342 family child care homes and 6,922 centers that care for 788,744 children, and there are approximately 6,648 legally exempt child care providers, who cared for approximately 28,000 children with child care subsidies in 2022; and

**Whereas**, the COVID-19 pandemic has proven how indispensable child care providers are for the well-being and economic security of New York State's children, families, and communities; and

**Whereas**,st child care programs are small businesses run and staffed predominantly by women, and are still recovering from health and financial instability stemming from the pandemic while they have continued to meet the needs of families and children; and

**Whereas**, New York State recognizes these hardships and that child care is a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy and, as such, has provided much-needed relief to providers to help sustain the viability of child care by providing multiple grant programs; and

**Whereas**, the quality of early childhood development and experiences can significantly impact today's young children, and support for highly qualified, compassionate, and caring human beings in the child care role represents a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

**Whereas**, every year since 1996, the Friday before Mother's Day has been celebrated nationally as "Provider Appreciation Day" and by joining on this 27<sup>th</sup> annual observance and supporting its goals, New York State recognizes our child care providers, and we take the opportunity to express our gratitude to providers, school-age program staff, early childhood educators, and all others who are entrusted with caring for our young children as part of Early Childhood Educator and Child Care Provider Appreciation Week, grateful for their valuable contributions and ongoing commitment to children and families across our state;

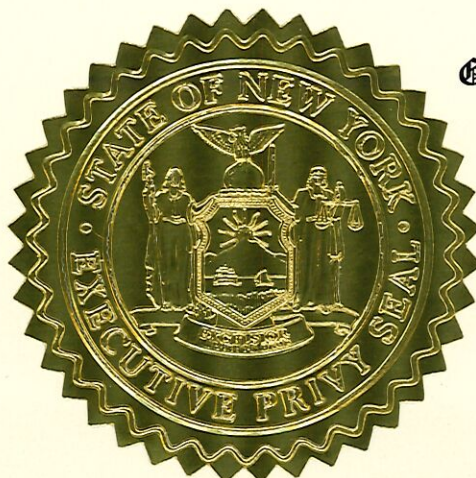
**Now, Therefore**, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2023 as

## CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

and May 8 - 12, 2023 as

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR AND CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION WEEK

in the Empire State.



**G i v e n** 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 twenty-three.

*Kathy Hochul*  
Governor

*Karen Persichilli Keogh*  
Secretary to the Governor  
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