

Proclamation by [Governor/Mayor]

International Provider Appreciation Day

[Date of Provider Appreciation Day]

WHEREAS, the [your Affiliate Group] and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, 13 million are in child care at least part time. An additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families within our state/community, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future.

Now, therefore, I, [name of official], [Governor/Mayor] of the [state/city], hereby proclaim [date of Provider Appreciation Day] as Provider Appreciation Day in [state/city] and urge all citizens to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.