



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York's children are precious and represent our greatest hopes for the future as the next leaders of our state and nation; and

Whereas, by providing youth with a solid foundation that includes quality early education, we increase their opportunities for success; and

Whereas, parents, employers, and other organizations applaud the commitment of the compassionate and qualified child care providers who contribute to the healthy development of New York's children and families; and

Whereas, New York State is home to more than 12,400 family child care homes and more than 7,000 centers that care for over 761,000 children, and approximately 27,000 Legally Exempt providers that care for over 55,000 children with child care subsidies; and

Whereas, quality child care providers create safe, healthy learning environments, are knowledgeable about the development stages of children, and support them as they learn and grow; and

Whereas, May 12, 2017 has been designated as "Provider Appreciation Day" to recognize and extend gratitude to child care providers, school-age program staff, teachers, and all those who work and are responsible for the education and care of our children; and

Whereas, New York State takes this opportunity to join in recognizing the dedicated work of child care providers who assist many families across our state through the exceptional services they offer in the field of child care;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2017 as

PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

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 first day of
May in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa