

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas Department of Health and Environment Child Care Licensing program and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, Kansas' 23,000 individuals actively working in approximately 4,500 licensed facilities, provides a safe, nurturing place for the enrichment and development of Kansas children; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic illuminated how indispensable childcare providers are for the well-being and economic security of Kansas' young children, families, communities; and

WHEREAS child care has been a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy and provided much-needed support to providers to help sustain the viability of child care with a statewide Child Care Matters campaign targeting new providers, direct support to the workforce with the Child Care Appreciation Bonus Program and the newly announced Kansas Children's Cabinet Accelerator Grant to support community-based teams—including early childhood providers and champions, employers, and economic development leaders—in their efforts to create affordable and accessible child care seats in their communities; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for high-quality childcare represents a worthy commitment to the children of Kansas and their future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, May 12, 2023, as

Childcare Provider Appreciation Day

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 28th day of
April, A.D. 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly
Scott Schrock

Secretary of State

Cheryl A. Ball
Assistant Secretary of State