

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** A child care provider is a partner in raising children, and parents put their trust in their child care providers as they share child-rearing responsibilities with them; and
- WHEREAS:** In Oregon, two-thirds of children under the age of six have both available parents in the workforce, increasing the need for child care that provides critical enrichment opportunities and nurtures development for children of all backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS:** All types of child care, whether in homes, centers, schools, or before and after-school programs, are critical to meet the different needs of Oregon children and families; and
- WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created tremendous hardship for child care providers and the families of Oregon who depend on them; providers have continued to meet the needs of families, while risking their health and financial stability to remain open; and
- WHEREAS:** Our future depends on the quality of the child care provided to young children today and support for high-quality child care and commitment to our children's future; and
- WHEREAS:** The Early Learning Division, Oregon Child Care Resource & Referral agencies, and Child Care Aware® of America are celebrating child care providers and their contributions on May 6, 2022.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 6, 2022** to be

**Provider Appreciation Day**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 19, 2022.



Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State