

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize May 6, 2022, as “Child Care Provider Appreciation Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, child care organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day;

WHEREAS, more than half of children under the age of six nationwide are estimated to spend some time in a nonparental care arrangement on a weekly basis;

WHEREAS, these care arrangements provide critical enrichment opportunities, nurture development for children of all backgrounds, and are a vital building block of the District’s economy;

WHEREAS, child care providers serve a vital role in our community, not only caring for and educating our children but also supporting parent participation in the workforce;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created substantial hardship for child care providers and the families of the District of Columbia who depend on them;

WHEREAS, child care providers continued to meet the needs of families during the COVID-19 pandemic while working to safeguard the health of children and staff and navigating challenges to financial stability;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes these hardships and has provided much-needed relief to providers to help sustain the viability of child care during the COVID-19

31 pandemic through various policies and grant programs, including increased compensation for  
32 early educators, increased reimbursement rates for providers serving children in the child care  
33 subsidy program, \$15.7 million through the DC Child Care Provider Relief Fund to provide  
34 emergency relief for child care facilities, more than \$400,000 in grants to child care providers  
35 through the DC Access to Quality Child Care Expansion COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant  
36 program, \$38 Million for the Child Care Stabilization Grant program to support a strong  
37 recovery for DC child care providers; \$11.8 million in grants from the DC Child Care Road to  
38 Recovery Fund to support increased costs incurred by serving medically vulnerable children and  
39 offset reduced revenues from lower attendance, among other supports;

40 WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences  
41 provided to young children today, support for high-quality child care represents a worthy  
42 commitment to our children’s future; and

43 WHEREAS, the Council urges all residents of the District of Columbia to recognize  
44 Child Care Providers for their important work.

45 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
46 resolution may be cited as the “Child Care Provider Appreciation Day Recognition Resolution of  
47 2022”.

48 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes May 6, 2022, as “Child Care Provider Appreciation Day”  
49 in the District of Columbia.

50 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
51 the District of Columbia Register.