

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

MAY 8, 2026

WHEREAS, North Dakota's most valuable resource is our children, and their working parents are the foundation of our economy; and

WHEREAS, available and quality child care is essential to children and working parents, and child care is vital to every community's infrastructure and has a direct impact on our state; and

WHEREAS, licensed child care providers offer safe, responsive and engaging environments that set the stage for quality early childhood experiences, support child well-being and support working parents; and

WHEREAS, child care programs are mostly small businesses that, through their work, support all other local businesses; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on affordable, accessible, quality early childhood experiences, and support for high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

WHEREAS, Child Care Provider Appreciation Day offers an opportunity to recognize and commend providers for their dedication, compassion and hard work in caring for and shaping the lives and futures of our children.

WHEREAS, North Dakota Child Care Providers, the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care Aware and other organizations across the state are working together to call attention to the importance of quality child care services for all children and families, and to enhance the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize child care providers for the important work they do every day in assisting countless hardworking families through their care of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 8, 2026, CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE