## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY MAY 6, 2022

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 vital to children and their working parents, and has a direct impact on the economy of our state; and

WHEREAS, over half the children under the age of 6 nationwide are estimated to spend some time in a nonparental care arrangement on a weekly basis, which provides critical enrichment opportunities and nurtures development for children of all backgrounds and is a vital building block of our state economy; and

WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day offers a unique opportunity to recognize and commend child care providers for their dedication, compassion and strong family values; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Child Care Providers, the North Dakota Department of Human Services 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 shaping the lives and futures of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 6, 2022, CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE