



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

**2023**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's high-quality early care and learning network makes it possible for parents to work and employers to hire, all while giving young children a strong foundation to learn and thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that investment in high-quality early care and learning has a positive long-term effect on children's education and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, there are thousands of child care providers in North Carolina with a deep commitment to the healthy development of children who have a valuable role in strengthening the families and communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina disbursed \$300 million of federal emergency relief funds to help sustain the state's child care businesses, helping families, teachers, and programs stay resilient during the COVID-19 crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina dedicated \$806 million in federal funding to Child Care Stabilization Grants to help North Carolina's early care and learning programs with recruitment and retention, enabling them to provide better wages and benefits to teachers, increased access to high-quality, affordable child care to parents, and improved equity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina recognizes the importance of early care and learning professionals to young children and their families and to the state's employers that need to hire and retain a quality workforce;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2023, as "**CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.