

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Children and Families and other organizations across the state and nation are recognizing childcare providers on this day; and

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

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created tremendous hardship for child care providers who have continued to meet the needs of families while risking their health and financial stability to remain open; and

WHEREAS, Kansas recognizes these hardships and has provided much-needed relief to providers to help sustain the viability of child care by providing funding for licensing and background check fees; and providing impact, sustainability and start-up grants; and

WHEREAS, because our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today, support for high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim
May 6, 2022 as

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 6th day of
May, A.D. 2022



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly
Secretary of State

Sarah Tompkins
Assistant Secretary of State