

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Child Care Provider Appreciation Day is recognized annually on the Friday prior to Mother's Day, which in 2026 falls on May 8; and
- WHEREAS:** Early childhood professionals, operating in homes, centers, schools, before and after-school programs and home visiting programs are essential to our children and our economy and deserve our thanks, respect and appreciation; and
- WHEREAS:** Our state recognizes the ongoing responsibility to invest in and sustain the early learning workforce through equitable funding, supportive systems, and policies that honor the value of this profession and reflect the critical role providers play in our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's collective future is shaped by the work of child care providers, who educate and empower young children in supportive, culturally competent environments that make it possible for families to access care and work, while ensuring equitable access to culturally responsive and inclusive care; and
- WHEREAS:** In recognition of the multiple ways that this workforce supports all other workforces, the Department of Early Learning and Care and Oregon Child Care Resource & Referral agencies offer our deep appreciation to child care professionals for providing quality early learning supports and encourage others to recognize providers throughout the state on this day, and every day, for their dedication to our state's children and their families.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 8, 2026 to be

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day April 23, 2026.



Tina Kotek, Governor

Tobias Read, Secretary of State