

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, high-quality early child care and learning sets the foundation for life-long success, and the development of Alaska's future workforce depends on the quality of early childhood experiences provided to young children; and

WHEREAS, while parents are a child's first teacher, many families depend on child care providers for assistance in nurturing, guiding, and caring for their children while they work; and

WHEREAS, child care providers play an important supporting role in raising our children, and in meeting their cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and literary needs, and stimulating them during the most critical period of brain development in the first five years of life; and

WHEREAS, quality child care providers create safe, healthy learning environments, implement teaching strategies that facilitate learning, are knowledgeable about the stages of childhood development, and support them as they learn, grow, and problem solve; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans, along with parents, employers, and child care organizations, applaud the commitment of the compassionate and qualified child care providers who play a crucial role in the healthy development of our children, families, and communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2018 as:

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

in Alaska, and encourage Alaskans to acknowledge and support the dedication of child care providers across the state.

Dated: May 7, 2018



Bill Walker

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*