

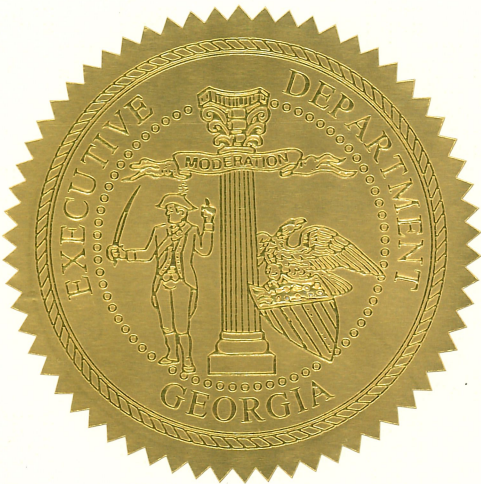
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, in collaboration with Georgia Child Care Association and other organizations statewide, is recognizing Early Childhood Education Providers on this day; and
- WHEREAS:** Over half of children under the age of six are estimated to spend some time in a nonparental care arrangement on a weekly basis; those who provide this care provide critical enrichment opportunities and nurture the development for Georgia's children, which is a vital building block of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Early childhood education providers were critical to enabling other essential workers to report for work during the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring their children had a safe and loving environment while they were away at work; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia recognizes this critical service and has provided much-needed relief to providers to help sustain the viability of early childhood education centers by providing power payments for early care providers and staff, by increasing base pay rates for GA Pre-K teachers, and by providing stable grants to help providers survive losses from declining enrollment; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia's future and the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today are inextricably intertwined; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2022 as EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia and urge all citizens to recognize and thank child care provides for their important work.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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