

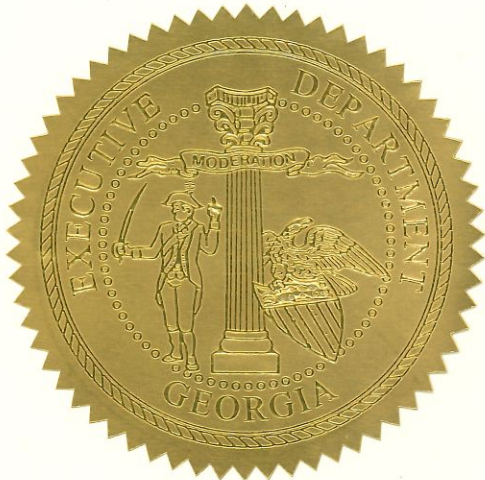
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA,

A PROCLAMATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** On May 12, 2023, the Georgia Child Care Association will join parents and organizations nationwide in recognizing childcare providers, teachers, and educators for their efforts in caring for the children of working parents and providing them with a quality early childhood experience; and
- WHEREAS:** Quality early childhood education services, such as childcare, represent a valuable investment in our children's future, as well as the future of our state workforce and the state's economic outlook; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia has 3200 licensed early childcare programs serving over 300,000 children, and early childhood education providers are critical to supporting children's and their families' mental health; and
- WHEREAS:** Early childhood education teachers possess a unique expertise in developing children's pre-literacy skills, which are critical to reading on grade level later in life during the birth to five age range when 90% of a child's brain is developed; and
- WHEREAS:** The future of the State of Georgia and the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today are inextricably intertwined; support for high-quality early care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future; and
- WHEREAS:** The quality of early childhood education rests on the trained professionals who provide it, and the State of Georgia is grateful for their tireless work; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2023, as EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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