



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### EARLY EDUCATION PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Child Care Association will join parents and organizations nationwide on May 10, 2024, in recognizing childcare providers, teachers, and educators for their efforts in caring for the children of working families and providing children with a quality early childhood experience; and
- WHEREAS:** Highly qualified early educators are at the heart of enriching preschool learning experiences for our youngest learners; and
- WHEREAS:** Quality early care and education services, such as childcare, represent a valuable investment in our children's future, leading to increased graduation rates; as well as the future of our state workforce and the state's economic outlook with increased economic wellbeing for all communities, and the long-term development of a high-quality professional workforce; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia has near 3200 licensed early childcare programs serving over 300,000 children, and early childhood education providers are critical to supporting children and their family's mental health; and
- WHEREAS:** Early educators 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 and highly qualified 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 10, 2024, as EARLY 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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