

Provider Appreciation Day May 12, 2023

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County Partnership for Children and other Local, State & National organizations are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, child care provides a safe, nurturing place for the enrichment and development of millions of children nationwide, and is a vital force in our economy; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic illuminated how indispensable child care providers are for the well-being and economic security of NC's young children, families, and communities.

WHEREAS, child care programs, which are mostly small businesses, run and staffed predominantly by women, are still recovering from health and financial hardships stemming from the pandemic while they have continued to meet the needs our families; and

WHEREAS, NC recognizes that child care has been a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy and as such, has provided much-needed support to providers to help sustain the viability of child care by providing Stabilization Grants and additional support for Smart Start.

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim May 12, 2023, as Provider Appreciation Day in Cabarrus County, NC and urge all citizens to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work in our community.

ADOPTED this 1st day of May, 2023.

Stephen M. Morris, Chairman Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners