

Resolution

WHEREAS, National Provider Appreciation Day, also known as National Child Care Provider Day, is celebrated on May 12, 2023;

WHEREAS, Childcare providers offer the opportunity for parents who live in Brevard County to work, attend school, or participate in a job training program while their children are in high-quality, nurturing environments;

WHEREAS, Florida is home to 1.3 million children under the age of 6 years old and nearly 10,000+ children in Brevard County attend one of the 600+ early education programs each day in Brevard;

WHEREAS, Brevard county provides resources and referral services to families in the School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten programs;

WHEREAS, there are over 200 childcare programs in Brevard County ranging from small and large private businesses, family childcare homes, faith-based programs, and public school settings;

WHEREAS, quality childcare programs employ over 1200 early learning educators to support working families;

WHEREAS, the dedication of early childcare educators enabled many childcare facilities to remain open at the height of the pandemic to ensure that childcare services remained available for approximately 2,000 Brevard first responders' and essential workers' children to be served;

WHEREAS, high-quality early education experiences give young children the best start in school and life so families, communities, the state, and the nation can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day allows Brevard County to honor its childcare educators' commitment to facilitating high-quality care and early learning to our youngest learners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida does hereby proclaim May 12, 2023, as

National Childcare Provider Appreciation Day.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 23rd day of May 2023.

ATTEST:

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk

Rita Prichett, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County, Florida