

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The state of Arkansas and other organizations nationwide are recognizing early care educators on May 6th; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 12 million children under the age of six nationwide spend some time in a nonparental care arrangement on a weekly basis which provides critical enrichment opportunities and nurtures development for children of all backgrounds and is a vital building block of our state economy; and

WHEREAS: Research shows a child's early care and education play a critical role in a child's brain development; and

WHEREAS: Positive nurturing relationships at the early ages are essential for healthy social and emotional development; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Human Services' Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education develops full and supplemental, comprehensive curricula for children age newborn to five; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas child care providers and teachers attend conferences and training courses to ensure they are meeting the latest child care and early learning standards; and

WHEREAS: Our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today. High quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 6th, 2022, as

ARKANSAS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

across the state, and I urge all citizens to recognize early care educators for their important work.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 4th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State