

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Early Learning and organizations worldwide are recognizing early childhood professionals on this day to raise awareness and availability of quality child care and early learning services; and

WHEREAS, children are the future and quality child care and early learning are the best investments we can make to keep our families, communities, economy and democracy strong; and

WHEREAS, we want all children in Washington State to fulfill their human potential, and we recognize that early childhood experiences are the vital foundation of our children's lives; and

WHEREAS, readiness to succeed in school and in life depends on nurturing adults having the information and resources to help spark and sustain children's life-long love of learning; and

WHEREAS, many of Washington's parents, our children's first and most important teachers, rely upon child care providers and educators to offer quality early learning experiences for their children every day; and

WHEREAS, the early childhood workforce, devoted child care providers and educators, demonstrate tireless dedication, tremendous commitment and exceptional compassion in caring for our children, and they deserve respect for their invaluable work;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2008, as

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 3rd day of March, 2008

Christine O. Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

