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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 9, 2025, as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those individuals who faithfully serve the needs of the community and its citizens with steadfast dedication and compassionate commitment profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 9, 2025, as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Provider Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, Every year since 1996, the Friday before Mother's Day has been celebrated nationally as Provider Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day recognizes child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere for their tireless efforts caring for and teaching children of working parents; and

WHEREAS, Child care providers keep our children safe, nurture their curiosity, and prepare them for a lifetime of learning and growth; and

WHEREAS, Child care providers offer an individualized approach to learning for multiple age groups, advocating for children and families, and demonstrating continuity of care for parents who work non-traditional hours, while operating and owning small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to child care providers, parents can go to work without worrying about their child's safety, social, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, In the midst of one of the most significant health crises in modern history, we recognize the importance and tireless work of child care providers; and

WHEREAS, New York state has an estimated 10,253 family child care homes (including group family), and 6,908 centers that tend to and care for 776,021 children; approximately 7,263 legally-exempt child care providers oversaw the needs of about 27,034 children; and

WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day recognizes an integral part of our child care system that often goes overlooked; it also commends all child care providers, school-age program staff, educators, and all others who care for our young children, for their passion sustaining the prosperity of our nation's next generation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 9, 2025, as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.