

Assembly Resolution No. 1292

**BY:** M. of A. Rules (Clark)

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 8, 2026, as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing those dedicated professionals whose commitment and service strengthen the families and communities of this great State; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 8, 2026, as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Provider Appreciation Day; and

**WHEREAS,** Child care providers across the State of New York play an indispensable role in nurturing the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development of our youngest residents, laying the foundation for lifelong learning and success; and

**WHEREAS,** Child Care Aware of America and organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day, highlighting the essential contributions they make to children, families, and local economies; and

**WHEREAS,** The child care system supports children's growth, development, and educational advancement while creating significant and positive economic impacts for families, employers, and communities throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS,** Child care providers are essential to the health, stability, and prosperity of our communities by fostering safe and welcoming environments, supporting working families, enabling parents and guardians to participate in the workforce, and creating enriching spaces where children develop critical thinking, collaboration, and lifelong skills; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York recognizes that child care has been and continues to be a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy, and has demonstrated its commitment to sustaining and strengthening the child care sector through historic investments in child care assistance, expansion of subsidy eligibility for working families, stabilization grants to providers, workforce development initiatives, and ongoing efforts to increase access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education; and

**WHEREAS,** The State further recognizes the vital role of comprehensive, well-resourced Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) organizations across New York, which build the supply and quality of child care and support providers through coaching, mentoring, training, and technical assistance, thereby strengthening the entire early childhood system; and

**WHEREAS,** Support for affordable, accessible, and high-quality child care represents a sound and worthy public investment that enables families to work, supports children's healthy development and school readiness, promotes gender and economic equity, and sustains a strong and growing State economy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim May 8, 2026, as Provider Appreciation Day in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the citizens of the State of New York are hereby urged to recognize and express their gratitude to child care providers for their unwavering dedication, professionalism, and invaluable service to the children and families of this State; 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.