



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, Florida's Office of Early Learning, early education and child care stakeholders, and partners across Florida and the United States are recognizing early education and child care providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 14,240 child care programs that support working families, including small and large private businesses, family child care homes, faith-based programs, and public school settings; and

WHEREAS, nearly 70 percent of parents place young children in child care; and

WHEREAS, the state and nation's future depends on the quality of the early education experiences provided to young children today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 12, 2017, as *Provider Appreciation Day* in Florida and encourage all citizens to recognize early education and child care providers for their important work.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 24th day of April, in the year two thousand seventeen.


Governor