

Proclamation

Provider Appreciation Day May 10, 2024

WHEREAS, Child Care Aware of America and other organizations nationwide are recognizing child care providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, child care has provided a safe, nurturing place for the enrichment and development of millions of children nationwide and is a vital force in our economy; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic illuminated how indispensable child care providers are for the well-being and economic security of Redwood City's young children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, child care programs, which are mostly small businesses, run and staffed predominantly by women, continue to recover from the health and financial hardships stemming from the pandemic to meet the needs of more families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City recognizes that child care has been and continues to be a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy. As such, it has provided much-needed support to providers to help sustain the viability of child care; and

WHEREAS, the future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today, and support for high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby recognize **May 10, 2024** as **Provider Appreciation Day** in Redwood City and urge all citizens to recognize child care providers for their important work, and how valuable they are for our communities.

Date: May 10, 2024



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