

# STATE of WISCONSIN



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## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; child care providers foster safe, nurturing environments in which kids can learn, grow, and socialize, provide daily care like feeding and diaper changes, and help kids reach developmental milestones through enriching and educational activities; and

*WHEREAS*; what's best for kids is what's best for the state, and expanding access to quality, affordable child care and supporting individuals, organizations, and institutions dedicated to providing child care is critical not only to help kids learn and grow but to keep more folks and parents in the workforce; and

*WHEREAS*; child care is a key component to statewide economic vitality, and like many sectors across the state and country, the child care workforce in Wisconsin is facing a recruitment and retention crisis that impacts the availability and accessibility of affordable child care for countless families across the state; and

*WHEREAS*; the economic and financial security of working families depends on access to high-quality child care programs staffed by skilled and fairly compensated early educators and employers, and Wisconsin's economic growth depends on the ability of families to find and maintain access to quality, affordable child care; and


*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to fighting for meaningful, long-term investments in Wisconsin's kids, child care centers, and providers, joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the vital role that child care plays in the growth and development of kids and in the economic livelihood of the state, and thanks child care providers across the state for their invaluable contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 10, 2024, as

## CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 22nd day  
of April 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State