Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska



WHEREAS, high-quality early care and learning sets the foundation for life-long success, and the development of Alaska's future workforce depends on the quality of early childhood experiences provided to our young children; and

WHEREAS, while parents are a child's first teacher, many families depend on child care providers to nurture, guide, and care for their children while they work; and

WHEREAS, child care providers play a crucial role in the raising of our children, and in meeting their cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and literary needs, and stimulating them during the most critical period of brain development in the first five years of life; and

WHEREAS, quality child care providers create safe, healthy learning environments, implement teaching strategies that facilitate learning, are knowledgeable about the development stages children go through, and support them as they learn, grow, and problem solve; and

WHEREAS, thread, Alaska's Child Care Resource Network, along with parents, employers, and other organizations, applaud the commitment of the compassionate and qualified child care providers who play a crucial role in the healthy development of Alaska's children, families, communities, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage, do hereby proclaim Friday May 10, 2019, as

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

IN the Municipality of Anchorage to acknowledge and praise the dedication of childcare providers in Anchorage and across Alaska.

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz