STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

Whereas, the Delaware Children's Department and other child welfare organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

Whereas, of the 20 million children under age 5 in America, over 11 million are in child care at least part time; and an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time. On any given day, 53,000 licensed child care opportunities are available for the children in Delaware homes and facilities of the nearly 1,500 licensed child care providers; and

Whereas, by calling attention to the high quality child care services for all children and families within our state, the Children's Department hopes to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

Whereas, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future.

Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare Friday, May 11, 2012

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all citizens to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.

Jack Markell

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Governor

Matthew Denn

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Lieutenant Governor

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