

STATE OF DELAWARE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



STATEMENT
IN RECOGNITION 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 21 million children under age six in America, 13 million are in child care at least part-time, with an additional 24 million school-aged children in some form of child care outside of school and on any given day, 45,000 children in Delaware are in child care; and

Whereas, by calling attention to the importance of 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 child care services represent a worthwhile commitment as well as an investment in our children's future.

*Now, Therefore, We, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor,
and John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare May 6, 2005*

CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to recognize child care providers for their important work.



Ruth Ann Minner
Ruth Ann Minner, Governor

John C. Carney, Jr.
John C. Carney, Jr., Lieutenant Governor