

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-017

RECOGNIZING MAY 12, 2023, AS NATIONAL PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Child Care Aware® of America and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, child care provides 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 wellbeing and economic security of Snohomish County young children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, child care programs, which are mostly small businesses, run and staffed predominantly by women, are still recovering from health and financial hardships stemming from the pandemic while they have continued to meet the needs of families; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes that child care has been a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy and as such, has provided much-needed support to providers to help sustain the viability of child care; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes May 12, 2023, as Provider Appreciation Day and encourages everyone to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.

APPROVED this 10th day of May, 2023.

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