

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Social Services, the state regulatory agency for child care providers in South Carolina, the agency's Division of Early Care and Education, ABC Quality Program, and other organizations statewide are recognizing child care providers on Friday, May 7, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** many children under the age of twelve statewide may spend a significant amount of time in a child care arrangement, which provides the opportunity for parents to work, and/or go to school; and

**WHEREAS,** child care is an essential service that provides quality learning environments to meet all children's needs and overall well-being and is a vital component of our state economy; and

**WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic has created financial hardship for child care programs and the families who depend on them, yet the child care industry has continued to meet the needs of families while many child care providers struggle to keep their doors open; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina recognizes the struggles of child care programs and has provided relief to child care programs to help sustain the viability of child care by the COVID-19 Emergency Operational Grants, COVID-19 Support Grants, and Sanitation Cleaning Grants; and

**WHEREAS,** because our future in South Carolina depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today, high-quality early child care services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2021, as

### CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize child care programs as Child Care Heroes for their important work in our communities.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**