

Provider Appreciation Day – May 8, 2026

WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day is an annual celebration on the Friday before Mother’s Day that recognizes the work of childcare providers, teachers and other educators of young children. Established by the National Association for Family Child Care in 1995 as a way to thank family child care and center-based providers, **Provider Appreciation Day** is now celebrated throughout the United States and around the world as a “thank you” to the people who educate, support and spend a tireless amount of time with our children.; and

WHEREAS, childcare providers are foundational to children’s early learning, development, and well-being, and their work makes it possible for parents to participate in the workforce and for businesses to thrive; and

WHEREAS, childcare providers cultivate safe, nurturing, inclusive, cultural and linguistically responsive environments that honor the identities, strengths, and lived experiences of children and families; and

WHEREAS, the childcare workforce is diverse and disproportionately composed of women, immigrants, and people of color whose labor has historically been undervalued despite its essential role in promoting equitable outcomes for children and families; and

WHEREAS, advancing equity in early care and education requires acknowledging the obstacles many childcare providers face, such as economic pressures, workforce challenges, and barriers to accessing resources and support; and

WHEREAS, Napa County recognizes childcare providers as an essential workforce critical to a strong local economy and ensuring access to high-quality care for families, and joins families, organizations, and communities nationwide in honoring family childcare providers, teachers, and early educators for their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to enriching early childhood experiences; and

WHEREAS, members of the Napa County community are encouraged to acknowledge and celebrate childcare providers for their indispensable role in advancing opportunity, well-being, and a strong future for our children and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 5th day of May 2026, does hereby recognize **May 8, 2026** as the **Provider Appreciation Day** in Napa County. We call upon all residents to recognize, honor, and support childcare providers for their contributions.

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