

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

### PROCLAMATION NO. 15

Proclaiming May 9th, 2025 as Provider Appreciation Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

#### **Multnomah County Finds:**


1. Provider Appreciation Day is an annual celebration on the Friday before Mother's Day that recognizes the work of child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children. Established by 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. (NAFCC.org)
2. This day recognizes the work of child care educators, teachers and caregivers of young children who have dedicated their energy to create and support safe, caring, and stimulating environments where children can learn and grow.
3. An estimated 5% of Multnomah County's residents are under 5 years old and require some form of child care. Child care providers are a vital part of Multnomah County's community and economy. Providers support working families, student parents, and other community members by providing child care for their children. (5% percentage comes from 2023 Census data)
4. Family child care educators are particularly important in supporting cultural competence practices and families who may not have access to other types of child care. Home-based family child care educators are deeply rooted in their communities. They often serve as a lifeline for working parents who need reliable care that accommodates non-traditional hours, transportation constraints, and other unique needs. Unlike traditional child care centers, family child educators create intimate settings where children of different ages learn and play together, fostering a sense of family and community. (NAFCC.org)

**Multnomah County Proclaims:**

May 9th, 2025 as Provider Appreciation Day in Multnomah County, Oregon, and encourages all residents to observe this day.

**SIGNED this 7th day of May 2025.**

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