

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies and other organizations nationwide are recognizing childcare providers on Provider Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, of the 20 million children under age five in America, more than 11 million are in some form of childcare setting; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high quality childcare services for all children and families within Vermont, these groups hope 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 childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2012 as

PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of April, A.D. 2012.



/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor