



## Proclamation

*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 well-being and economic security of Washington's young children, families, and communities; and

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

*WHEREAS*, Whatcom 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,

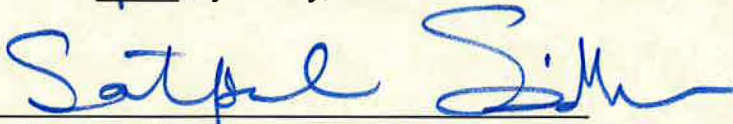
*WHEREAS*, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future.

Now, therefore, do I, Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive of Whatcom County, hereby proclaim May 12, 2023, as

### **Provider Appreciation Day**

in Whatcom County and urge all citizens to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023

  
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Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

