

(DRAFT – 7 SIGNATURES IN 2025)

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS DAY

WHEREAS, Child Care Aware® of America and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, the child care system supports children’s growth, development, and educational advancement and creates a positive economic impact for families and communities; and

WHEREAS, child care providers are essential to the health of our communities by fostering welcoming spaces, supporting working families, and creating positive, enriching environments where children can develop lifelong skills; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that child care has been and continues to be a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy. As such, it has supported the child care sector by collaborating with the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County and promoting initiatives that strengthen provider stability and well-being — including affordable housing, small business support, public health, and representation on key leadership boards; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County recognizes that our community benefits from the Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) network that provides information on state-funded early learning programs, which help build the supply and quality of child care and supports child care providers through coaching, mentoring, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, support for affordable, accessible high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to helping families work, support children’s healthy development and learning, and keep our economy growing.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that Friday, May 8, 2026, be recognized as,

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this **XXth** day of May 2026.