

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Early Learning and other early learning partners understand the importance of child care providers in offering high-quality early learning opportunities to children in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, child care providers devote their careers to supporting young children in children's earliest and most important years of development; and

**WHEREAS**, child care providers are creative, energetic, passionate and committed professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in high-quality early learning is one of the best ways to ensure children start kindergarten confident, capable and ready to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, our state now has a common framework for supporting early learning professionals in offering high-quality early learning settings through Early Achievers, our state's quality rating and improvement system; and

**WHEREAS**, more than a third of licensed child care programs in Washington have demonstrated their commitment to quality by joining Early Achievers;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2014 to be

### *Child Care Provider Appreciation Day*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2014



Governor Jay Inslee