

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, National Provider Appreciation Day, also known as National Child Care Provider Day, is celebrated on May 12, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, childcare providers offer the opportunity for parents who live in our City to work, attend school, or participate in a job training program while their children are in nurturing environments; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is home to 1.3 million children under the age of 6, and nearly over 50,000 children in Broward attend one of the 800 early education programs each day in Broward; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 28 childcare programs in Margate, ranging from small and large private businesses, family childcare homes, faith-based programs, and public school settings; that employ over 250 early learning educators to support working families; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication of early childcare educators enabled many childcare facilities to remain open at the height of the pandemic to ensure that childcare services remained available for approximately 3,000 Broward first responders' children to be served; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality early education experiences give young children the best start in school and life so families, communities, the state, and the nation can thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, Provider Appreciation Day allows the City of Margate to honor its childcare educators' commitment to facilitating high-quality care and early learning.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Anthony N. Caggiano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2023, as

## **NATIONAL PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023.

  
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**ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, MAYOR**

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Joanne Simone