

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, by providing children and youth with a solid foundation that includes high-quality early education, we increase their opportunities for future success; and

WHEREAS, early education and care services that are inclusive of children and youth of all abilities and culturally responsive to families and local communities are a valuable investment in our children's future, and in the future of our county; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County early education and care providers serve over 2,000 children across settings, providing an essential service to families who need care to work, provide for their families, and contribute to the overall health of Mendocino County's economy; and

WHEREAS, quality early education and care providers provide an educational foundation in skills across developmental domains, including: social emotional, self-regulation, language, literacy and communication, cognitive including math and science, physical and arts; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors joins the Mendocino Local Child Care and Development Planning Council and other agencies and organizations nationwide in recognizing early education and care providers as essential members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 County of Mendocino Legislative Platform supports legislation to broaden eligibility and access to high-quality, affordable childcare and early learning programs, and increase childcare workers' compensation and professional development opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims May, 2026, as:

"Early Education and Care Provider Appreciation Month
in Mendocino County"

Dated:

Bernie Norvell, Chair