

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE**  
**MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**RECOGNIZING MAY 2019 AS**  
**CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION MONTH**  
**IN MENDOCINO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, over 9,000 Mendocino County children between the ages of 0 and 12 have parents in the labor force, most families require 2 incomes to get by financially, and employment is the major reason families seek child care; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has 70 family child care homes with capacity for 734 children, and 57 child care centers with capacity for 2,224 children, (infant, preschool and school age), that employ over 450 people in the child care industry; and

WHEREAS, research clearly shows child care providers serve as powerful mentors, act as role models of nutrition, set necessary groundwork for further education to increase future earning potential, and share valuable life lessons that have long-term impacts on the lives of the children they serve; and

WHEREAS, child care and development services contribute over six million dollars in gross receipts to support Mendocino County's economy; and

WHEREAS, early childhood learning is an essential foundation for our children, who are the future workforce, leaders, caregivers for elders, and parents of our grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims May 2019, as:

**"Child Care Provider Appreciation Month in Mendocino County"**

Dated: May 7, 2019

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Carre Brown, Chair