



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 12, 2006

WHEREAS, quality early childhood services, such as child care, represent a valuable investment in our children's future, as well as the future of our state; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens will join parents and organizations nationwide in recognizing child care providers, teachers and educators for their efforts in caring for the children of working parents and providing them with quality early childhood experiences; and

WHEREAS, of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, 13 million are in early care and learning programs at least part time, and an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of quality child care services for all children and families in our state, North Dakota Child Care Providers is working with other organizations statewide to enhance the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize child care providers throughout the state for their dedication to providing quality care and learning services, and for the important role they play in our children's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 12, 2006, **PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State