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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 6, 2022 AS PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Provider Appreciation Day was started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, who saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes Child Care Resource & Referral agencies, child care advocates, community-based organizations, government entities and individuals throughout the United States; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the childcare industry lost nearly 350,000 workers nationwide and as of September of 2021 are still 126,000 workers short, roughly 88% of its pre-pandemic levels; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The loss of childcare workers is not just a nationwide issue as Boston saw an 11% drop in the number of seats available for children since the end of 2017, and had permanently lost 13% of its licensed childcare programs that were open pre-pandemic, according to a study published by the Boston Opportunity Council; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As the City of Boston begins to loosen public health restrictions that had impacted childcare providers, it is crucial that the city work to provide adequate supports for providers and their businesses; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council recognizes the tireless work of childcare providers in the City of Boston and continues to fight to ensure that those who take care of the city's young ones are taken care of themselves; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council recognizes May 6, 2022 as Provider Appreciation Day in the City of Boston.

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