

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, childcare provides a safe, nurturing place for the enrichment and development of millions of children nationwide, and is a vital force in our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic illuminated how indispensable childcare providers are for the well-being and economic security of young children, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, childcare programs, which are mostly small businesses, run and staffed predominantly by women, are still recovering from health and financial hardships stemming from the pandemic while they have continued to meet the needs of families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chapel Hill community recognizes that childcare has been a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today and, as a result, support for high-quality childcare represents a worthy commitment to our children's future.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2023 as

## **Provider Appreciation Day**

in Chapel Hill and urge everyone to recognize childcare providers for their important work.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF  
THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE  
TENTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO  
THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.



*Sam Hemm*