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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CHILD CARE PROVIDER  
APPRECIATION MONTH.

1           WHEREAS, early childhood is a critical development period  
2 for an individual; and

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4           WHEREAS, the majority of human brain development occurs  
5 before a child reaches the age of five, with a significant  
6 portion of the development happening before the age of three;  
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9           WHEREAS, high quality early care and education have a  
10 variety of positive outcomes for children, including  
11 ameliorating the effects of poverty, detecting and remediating  
12 developmental delays, identifying signs of child neglect and  
13 preventing further neglect, and better preparing them for  
14 school, which all contribute to increasing their likelihood of  
15 success in life; and

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17           WHEREAS, the majority of children under five years of age  
18 in Hawaii have working parents who cannot care for them during  
19 all hours of the day; and

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21           WHEREAS, over thirty thousand children under the age of six  
22 in Hawaii are currently receiving licensed child care services;  
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25           WHEREAS, many Hawaii families spend almost a third of their  
26 income on child care; and

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28           WHEREAS, the average wage of child care workers in Hawaii,  
29 however, is less than \$30,000 a year; and

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31           WHEREAS, one in three child care workers in Hawaii are  
32 experiencing food insecurity, which is likely due to inadequate  
33 compensation; and



# S.C.R. NO. 53

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 2 WHEREAS, the devaluing of child care services and the  
 3 profession of child care service providers stems from racist and  
 4 sexist views that child care services do not deserve appropriate  
 5 compensation or compensation at all because the work is largely  
 6 performed by women of color; and  
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8 WHEREAS, young children need consistent care from early  
 9 childhood educators who are skilled, educated, competent, and  
 10 appropriately compensated; and  
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12 WHEREAS, early childhood educators need and deserve to earn  
 13 a wage that is sufficient to sustain their families and is  
 14 commensurate with the skills and education required to perform  
 15 their work and the critical role they play in the development of  
 16 children who will form Hawaii's future; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
 19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
 20 House of Representatives concurring, that the month of September  
 21 2022 be designated as Child Care Provider Appreciation Month in  
 22 the State of Hawaii; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all policy makers, community  
 25 organizations, and residents in Hawaii are encouraged to  
 26 recognize the critical importance of child care, especially  
 27 during early childhood, and child care providers and their  
 28 services; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
 32 of Human Services, and Director of the Executive Office on Early  
 33 Learning.  
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