



City Council Communication

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BACKGROUND/REQUEST

I move that the City Council adopt the proclamation designating May 8, 2026, as Provider Appreciation Day in Commerce City to recognize the vital contributions of early care and education providers.

Its adoption is significant for Commerce City for several reasons:

Economic Stability: Early care is a "lifeline" for the economy. In Colorado, child care challenges result in an estimated \$2.3 billion in annual lost earnings and productivity. By supporting ECE providers, Commerce City helps ensure its local workforce can remain employed.

Localized Support via ECPAC: ECPAC specifically serves Adams County (including Commerce City) and has established a Community Resource Hub at the Commerce City Community Campus (C4). This proclamation reinforces the city's partnership with ECPAC to increase access to high-quality care in an under-resourced area.

Workforce Retention: Child care providers in Colorado earn an average of only \$37,690 annually, leading to recruitment and supply issues. Formal recognition through a proclamation is a key step in raising public awareness and building support for a sustainable ECE workforce.

Long-term Community Health: Research indicates that for every \$1 spent on quality early childhood education, between \$4 and \$17 are saved in future costs related to health care and remedial education. Supporting

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these programs helps prepare Commerce City's youngest residents for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Co-Sponsor: Mayor Steve Douglas