

# COLUMBIA COUNTY

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### BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Child Care Aware® of America and organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

**WHEREAS**, the childcare system supports children's growth, development, and educational advancement while creating positive economic impacts for families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, childcare providers are essential to the health of our communities by fostering safe and welcoming spaces, supporting working families, and creating enriching environments where children develop lifelong skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia County recognizes that childcare has been and continues to be a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy. As such, it has provided much-needed support to providers to help sustain the viability of childcare by elevating and prioritizing the conversation about childcare in the county.

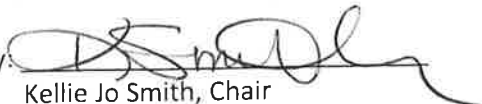
**WHEREAS**, Columbia County recognizes that our community benefits from comprehensive, well-resourced Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) organizations, like Northwest Regional CCR&R, which build the supply and quality of childcare and support childcare providers through coaching, mentoring, and technical assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, support for affordable, accessible, high-quality childcare represents a worthy commitment to help families work, support children's healthy development and learning, and keep our economy growing.

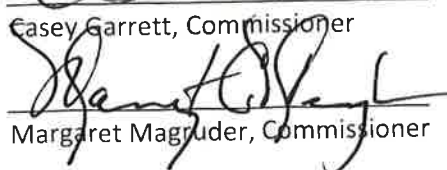
**Now**, therefore, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, as Provider Appreciation Day in Columbia County and urges all citizens to recognize childcare providers for their important work and the value they bring to our communities.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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