## CITY OF SPOKANE

## PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, child care has provided 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 child care providers are for the well-being and economic security of Spokane's young children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, child care programs, which are mostly small businesses, run and staffed predominantly by women, continue to recover from the health and financial hardships stemming from the pandemic to meet the needs of more families;

WHEREAS, Spokane recognizes that child care has been and continues to be a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy, and that the future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for high quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2024 as

## PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

in Spokane and encourage all residents to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work, and how valuable they are for our communities.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 1st day of May 2024.

Lisa Brown Mayor

