

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK

June 4-8, 2018

WHEREAS, every day in Pennsylvania, thousands of children are at risk of child abuse and neglect or have been removed from their homes due to such abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania recognizes the risks and need to intervene to protect our children; and

WHEREAS, the hard work of investigating child abuse, providing services to families, assessing safety and initiating steps to protect children, and providing services to assure that Pennsylvania's children are provided with healthy, nurturing care, support as they transition into adulthood, and needed services in the family to reunify falls to the child welfare professionals of the Pennsylvania child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, the work of child welfare professionals requires them to enter situations in which their personal safety may be put at risk, and every year child welfare professionals are injured or killed in their pursuit to protect children across the United States; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals work in severely trying emotional situations with children who have been victimized by physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other forms of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, to be successful, child welfare professionals must develop great skill in working with families who are in crisis situations, struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug and alcohol afflictions, poverty, and other difficult issues; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals must develop substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, laws surrounding child welfare, and legal processes governing the system; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals selflessly undertake the endeavor to protect Pennsylvania's children, often with low pay, long hours, tremendous demands, little appreciation and great criticism, and with dramatic impacts to their personal life; and

WHEREAS, innumerable injuries and deaths of children have been averted due to the efforts of child welfare professionals;

THEREFORE, in special recognition of the efforts of the child welfare professionals serving the children of Pennsylvania, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 4-8, 2018, as CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK in Pennsylvania.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighth day of January two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.



Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor

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CHILD WELFARE SERVICE PROVIDERS APPRECIATION WEEK

June 11-15, 2018

WHEREAS, every day in Pennsylvania, thousands of children receive services as a result of their involvement with County Child Welfare Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania recognizes the risks and need to intervene to protect the State's children and provide services for the betterment of their lives; and

WHEREAS, many of the services provided to children and families through Pennsylvania's child welfare system fall to the service providers working with county child welfare agencies; and

WHEREAS, these providers fulfill a crucial service that helps to protect children, strengthen families, and prevent future abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child welfare service providers work with children who have experienced trauma and have been victimized by physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other forms of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, child welfare service providers bring expertise in family preservation, foster and other out-of-home care, counseling, behavioral health treatment, independent living skills, and other challenging areas; and

WHEREAS, child welfare service providers must develop substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, laws surrounding child welfare, and the challenges of working with county child welfare agencies; and

WHEREAS, child welfare service providers exhibit tremendous dedication to the endeavor of protecting Pennsylvania's children, often with uncertain financial security and emotionally challenging work conditions; and

WHEREAS, the County Child Welfare Agencies and the entirety of the Pennsylvania Child Welfare System benefit greatly from the commitment, dedication, and ingenuity or the child welfare service providers; and

WHEREAS, the lives of many children and families have been greatly improved due to the efforts of child welfare service providers;

THEREFORE, in special recognition of the efforts of the Child Welfare Service Providers serving the children of Pennsylvania, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 11-15, 2018, as CHILD WELFARE SERVICE PROVIDERS WEEK in Pennsylvania.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighth day of January two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.


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