



WHEREAS Early Childhood Educators and child care providers play a critical role in the health and well-being of young children and families in our community; AND

WHEREAS Early Childhood Educators are experts in their field, and should be acknowledged and recognized for their specialized education, skills and their essential contributions to our community; AND

WHEREAS The service provided by Early Childhood Educators and child care providers enables parents and guardians of young children to participate in the workforce, attend post-secondary education and/or attend to other matters; AND

WHEREAS The economic stability of our community is dependent on the commitment of child care professionals; every community member relies on someone, who relies on child care; AND

WHEREAS Widespread community recognition of Early Childhood Educators as professionals is essential to shift public perception, encourage sector growth, compensate Early Childhood Educators fairly, and retain qualified Educators in the Comox Valley.

THEREFORE as Chair of the Board of Directors, I do hereby proclaim **May 2022 as Child Care Month 2022 and May 28, 2022 as Early Childhood Educator and Child Care Provider Appreciation Day** within the Comox Valley Regional District.

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Jesse Ketler, Chair

Dated this 17th day of March, 2022