



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK  
June 6-10, 2022**

*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 children in the commonwealth; and*

*WHEREAS, the challenging task of investigating child abuse, providing services to families, assessing safety, and providing services to assure that Pennsylvania's children have healthy, nurturing care and support as they transition into adulthood falls to the child welfare professionals; and*

*WHEREAS, the work of child welfare professionals requires them to enter situations in which their personal safety may be at risk 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, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 6-10, 2022 as CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK in special recognition of the efforts of the child welfare professionals serving the children of Pennsylvania.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of April two thousand twenty-two, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-sixth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor