PROCLAMATION

CHILD WELFARE SERVICE PROVIDERS APPRECIATION WEEK
June 13-17, 2022

WHEREAS, every day in Pennsylvania, thousands of children receive services as a result of their involvement with county child welfare agencies; and

WHEREAS, many of the services provided to children and families through Pennsylvania’s child welfare system are private 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 and maintain substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the needs and 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 and families, often with low pay, tremendous demands, little appreciation, great criticism, and with dramatic impacts to their personal life; and

WHEREAS, the county child welfare agencies and the entirety of the Pennsylvania Child Welfare System benefit greatly from the commitment, dedication, and perseverance of the child welfare service providers.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 13-17, 2022 as CHILD WELFARE SERVICE PROVIDERS 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
Governor