



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is based on the idea that parents and caregivers are the first and most enduring teachers for their children; and
- WHEREAS: ECFE works to support parents and caregivers as they provide the best environments for their child's learning and development to create stronger and more empowered families; and
- WHEREAS: The ECFE program is offered through Minnesota public school districts, often times in partnership with other community-based or early learning programs; and
- WHEREAS: Learning opportunities through ECFE are available online at district or community sites, and educators can even come to family homes; and
- WHEREAS: While many parents or caregivers choose to participate in programming and education services alone or with their partner, children are often invited to join in these learning opportunities, too; and
- WHEREAS: ECFE is provided by teachers who are licensed in early childhood and/or parenting education by the state of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: April 11, 2024, marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ECFE in Minnesota; For half a century, ECFE has evolved through programs, partnerships, and initiatives, always working in service of stronger families and the healthy growth and development of children; and
- WHEREAS: Celebrations to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary are scheduled across the state of Minnesota throughout the rest of the year. Individuals are encouraged to consult their local school districts to inquire about available ECFE programs for themselves and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 11, 2024, as:

## EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE