

NEW YORK STATE
SENATE



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE CHILD CARE COUNCIL
OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.'S CHILD AND
ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to those participating in child care centers, afterschool programs, family day care homes, and adult day care centers; and

WHEREAS, Since the inception of the CACFP in 1968, it has granted children the best possible foundation in life; it has also benefited many adults, which is vital to New York State's long-term health; and

WHEREAS, The CACFP has been cited both in academic studies and in government reports for the contributions it makes toward the well-being of children being cared for in the child care system and those attending adult day care centers; the program provides over 1.8 billion meals and snacks to over 4.5 million children and adults, and is an indicator of quality child care; and

WHEREAS, Proper nutrition during the early years of childhood ensures appropriate development and reduces physical and educational challenges later in life; eating patterns and habits established during these years are vital to positive health outcomes, and through the CACFP, children are able to enjoy meals that meet the evidence-based USDA nutrition requirements that help combat hunger and improve nutrition security; and

WHEREAS, The fundamental goals of the CACFP are that children serviced by the program will be well nourished during their crucial years, while concurrently learning healthy eating behaviors that will last their lifetime; the program also supports emotional, mental, and physical health, which originate with nutritious eating; and

WHEREAS, Through the CACFP, and a focus on the child, parent, provider, and community needs, the Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc. continues its commitment to providing nutritious food and education for its community; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator James Skoufis, am proud to recognize the Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc.'s Child and Adult Care Food Program, and declare the week of March 16-22, 2025 to be Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc.'s Child and Adult Care Food Program Week in the 42nd New York State Senate District; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to the Child Care Council of Orange County, Inc.

DATED:

MARCH 16, 2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE

JAMES SKOUFIS
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
42ND SENATE DISTRICT

