



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) child care, which refers to informal child care arrangements provided by relatives, friends, and neighbors, is the most common form of child care in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County; and
- WHEREAS:** The Child Care Resource Center is a nonprofit that focuses on children ages birth to five by providing resources, training, advocacy, and engagement to families, providers/educators, businesses, and communities in nine counties including Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for over 30 years; and
- WHEREAS:** FFN offers families culturally aligned, flexible and cost-effective support and plays a crucial role in the early childhood of approximately 12,000 of our community's children prior to kindergarten; and
- WHEREAS:** Nationally, Family, Friend, and Neighbor Childcare Appreciation Week is intentionally celebrated during the second week of September with National Grandparents' Day to recognize the millions of grandparents who support our communities and care for young children; and
- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are recognizing Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers as an essential workforce behind the workforce for our economy that enables families to engage in employment which can lead to their economic stability; and
- WHEREAS:** Winston-Salem and Forsyth County join Child Care Resource Center and families in recognizing Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers for their efforts in caring for children of working parents and providing them with safe, nurturing early childhood experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 7, 2025 as

FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR CAREGIVER DAY

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of September, 2025.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor