



Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0004-2024

Sponsored by: **LaShay D. Harris**, Vice President, South District

Cosponsored by: **Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.**, President, Councilmember At-Large

To The Honorable
Rochester City Council
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing the Governor and State Legislature to create a permanent childcare fund to allow for higher wages for childcare workers, and to find a way to increase the availability of childcare nights and weekends.

Honorable Council Members:

We ask you to join us by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution to urge the Governor and Members of the State Legislature to create a permanent childcare fund (as recommended in the December 2023 Children’s Agenda Report) and to create ways to increase the availability of childcare and, in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve:**

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, bring attention to the fact that childcare workers are deeply undervalued and underpaid; and

WHEREAS, wages on average for childcare workers in the United States are \$13.51 per hour, or roughly half what the average worker in the United States is paid (\$27.31/hour); and

WHEREAS, most childcare is geared towards parents who work typically from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays only; for parents who work evenings nights or weekends, there are services at just 8 percent of traditional daycare centers and 34 percent of home day cares; and

WHEREAS, with over 40% of Americans working non-typical employment jobs, increasing overnight services and availability on nights and weekends are in greater need for parents.

Now, Therefore be it RESOLVED, we, the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, support the creation of a permanent childcare fund for childcare workers, as recommended by the Children’s Agenda, and we shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor and Members of the State Senate and Assembly.

Sincerely,

LaShay D. Harris, Vice President
South District

Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr., President
Councilmember At-Large

Memorializing the Governor and Members of the State Senate and Assembly in regards to Higher Wages for Childcare workers and Increasing availability of childcare during the evening

The following Councilmembers join their colleague in support of Memorializing Resolution 0004-24:



Mitch Gruber, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Willie Lightfoot, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Mary Lupien, Councilmember
East District Representative



Stanley Martin, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Bridget Monroe, Councilmember
Northwest District Representative



Michael A. Patterson, Councilmember
Northeast District Representative



Kim Smith, Councilmember
At-Large Representative