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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 1-7, 2023

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, access to quality early childhood care and education (ECE) serves an essential role in our society; and

WHEREAS, ECE professionals are invested in the health, positive development, safety, and wellbeing of our children; and

WHEREAS, children's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development, as well as language and literacy skills, are built on a foundation of positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and

WHEREAS, participation in stable, quality ECE programs makes working families more economically secure and prepares children to succeed in school and life; and

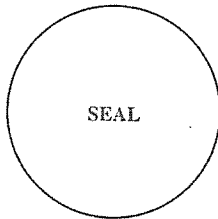
WHEREAS, the need for ECE care in Santa Barbara County has increased significantly since 2015, yet there continues to be a critical shortage of licensed facilities and qualified staff; and

WHEREAS, communities reap significant social and economic benefits when quality ECE programs are available and affordable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is joined by the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council, First 5 Santa Barbara County, Children's Resource and Referral, Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Santa Barbara County Network of Family Resource Centers, in celebrating the Week of the Young Child by recognizing the valuable, essential, and professional work of early childhood care and education professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 1-7, 2023, as *Week of the Young Child*.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th, day of April, 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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