# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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#### Xd Agenda Number:

Prepared on: March 16, 2005

**Department:** Early Care & Education, First 5

**Department No:** 990

**Agenda Date:** April 5, 2005 **Placement:** administrative

**Estimate Time:** 10:00 a.m. Time Certain

Continued Item: NO

If Yes, date from:

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** FIRST 5 of Santa Barbara County

Patricia Wheatly, Director

884-8085

**STAFF** Eileen Monahan, Early Care & Education Coordinator

**CONTACT:** 560-1038

**SUBJECT:** 2005 MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

### **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors approve the resolution proclaiming April 2005, "Month of the Young Child"

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 7: "A Community that fosters the safety and well-being of families and children."

# **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Proclamation for "Month of the Young Child" will be accepted this year by Yolanda Medina-Garcia, of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the Association for the Education of Young Children. Susan Rose has agreed to sponsor the resolution.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None.

## **Special Instructions:**

After approval by the Chair of the Board, please return one (1) certified copy of the Minute Order to the Office of Early Care & Education, First 5, Attention: Danielle A. Casebolt

Attachment: Resolution, Month of the Young Child

# RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2005 "MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is home to nearly 100,000 children under the age of eighteen, representing one-fourth of the County's population; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that children receive their first and most important care and support from their families, who provide for their economic and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, families with young children increasingly need and deserve the support of the community to carry out their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, in today's world, many parents or caregivers hold outside employment and with their increasing participation in the workforce, the demand for child care will continue to heighten; and

WHEREAS, parents, caregivers, child care providers, teachers and volunteers provide a foundation for the values and ethics of each new generation, motivate them to achieve educationally and succeed socially, and provide a sense of belonging that is essential to human growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 2005 as the "MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD" in Santa Barbara County and urges all members of the community to join in expressing their appreciation to those parents, caregivers, teachers, child care providers and volunteers for their commitment to the care and development of today's young children.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this  $5^{th}$  day of April 2005 by unanimous vote of all members present