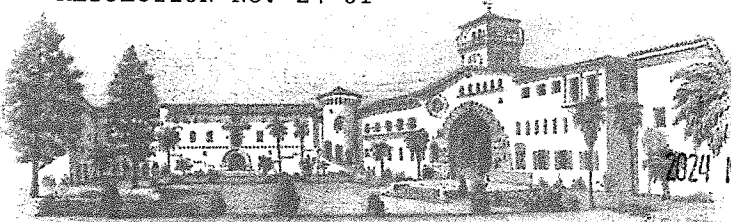


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2024 AS
MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS We recognize that early care and education plays an essential role in our community and;

WHEREAS Early care and education professionals are invested in being responsive to the child care needs of families, as evidenced by their collaborations and professional development and;

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

WHEREAS Collaborations amongst various agencies across Santa Barbara County intend to support early education professionals who are essential to providing quality care and education to the youngest children of our county and;

WHEREAS Focused efforts to expand access for infants and toddlers have actively taken place with Children's Resource and Referral, CommUnify, First 5 Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council, Santa Barbara County Education Office, Santa Barbara Foundation, and United Way and;

WHEREAS Participation in stable, high-quality early care and education and school-age care makes working families more economically secure and prepares children to succeed in school and live healthier lives and;

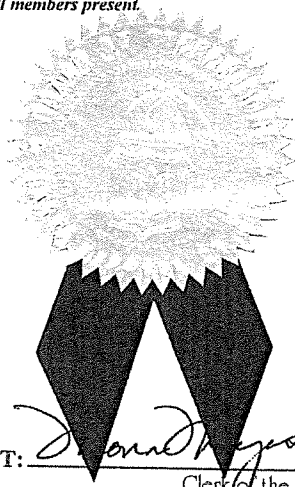
WHEREAS It is documented that the entire community garners social and economic benefits when high-quality early care and education programs are available and affordable, thereby serving more children and families of Santa Barbara County and;

WHEREAS Month of The Young Child calls on all the various sectors of our community—government, business, non-profit organizations, foundations, elementary- through high-school education systems, higher education, tribal partners, and the media—to recognize the early care and education programs and professionals who are doing quality work for our young children and their families and;

WHEREAS WE CELEBRATE AND COMMEMORATE The Month of the Young Child® so that we may continue to shine a light of recognition upon the essential nature of the early child care and education professionals with 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, and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD AND does hereby recognize and celebrate the complex, valuable, essential, and demanding work of early care and education and school-age care professionals.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 2nd day of April, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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