

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 10-16, 2021
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic illustrated the essential role early care and education plays in our community; and

WHEREAS, early care and education professionals have been nimble and responsive to the needs of families, keeping their doors open at great personal and professional cost; 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, participation in 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

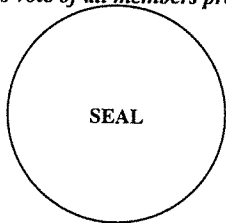
WHEREAS, the need for care in Santa Barbara County has increased significantly since 2015, yet there continues to be a critical shortage of licensed spaces; and

WHEREAS, instead of returning to levels as prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, we now have the opportunity to build greater capacity for high quality programs; and

WHEREAS WE CELEBRATE, the 50th Anniversary of the Week of the Young Child® so that we may continue to recognize 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, and many other local organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 10-16, 2021 as Week 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 April 6, 2021, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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