

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No.**

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming April 10-16,     )  
2021 as the Week of the Young in Monterey     )  
County     )

**Whereas**, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Week of the Young Child, #WOYC21, April 10-16, 2021; and

**Whereas**, since 1971, the Week of the Young Child has been a celebration of young children and the families, teachers, and communities that promote healthy development across the country and to reaffirm the commitment to meeting the needs of our youngest children; and

**Whereas**, locally partnering organizations are working to promote and inspire high quality, supportive and inclusive early childhood experiences for all children in Monterey County by connecting families with essential services and investing in local programs that support young children; and

**Whereas**, Monterey County shares a dedication to the good health, social-emotional development, and general well-being of our children, who cannot vote, lobby or advocate, and are dependent on the adults of today for their well-being tomorrow; and

**Whereas**, there is a recognition that systemic change is necessary to support and value early childhood educators who are predominantly women of color and in lower paying positions; and

**Whereas**, the public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures and to the prosperity of our society; and

**Whereas**, this annual celebration promotes the awareness of and the need for continued support for educators, children and families to optimize the wellbeing of the community as a whole; and

**Whereas**, over 80% of licensed family child care providers remained open during the entire pandemic providing essential services for children and families. And currently 95% of family child care providers and 82% of licensed child care centers are currently operating; and

**Whereas**, the availability of quality child care is key for COVID-19 recovery efforts and child care providers are helping children and families build the resiliency they need to weather this challenging time; and

**Whereas**, it is important to give thanks and recognition to early child care providers, educators, family, friends and neighbors, and other organizations working with young children for the critical role they play in the lives of young children in Monterey County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors joins the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), elected officials

across the state, and the many community partners in recognizing the critical importance of placing children at the heart of our community as we proclaim April 10-16, 2020 as “The Week of the Young Child.”

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to-wit:

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