

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Week of the Young Child – April 5-11, 2025

WHEREAS, every year, thanks to the great work of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and that of their affiliate agencies, jurisdictions across the nation dedicate a week in April to celebrating young children, their families, and caregivers through themed days and a host of activities; and

WHEREAS, the NAEYC is a professional membership organization that works to promote high-quality early learning for all young children, birth through age eight, by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research. They work to advance a diverse and dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children; and

WHEREAS, First 5 Napa County, Community Resources for Children, It Takes a Valley, Napa County Child Care & Development Council, COPE, Child Start Inc., ParentsCAN, along with other community organizations and in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children are celebrating the 54th anniversary of the **Week of the Young Child**; and

WHEREAS, parallel to the NAEYC, these community organizations are working to achieve a collective vision, one that all young children thrive and learn in a society dedicated to ensuring they reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, early childhood educators and others who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve thanks, recognition, and support; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to our Napa County families, communities, and economy; and

WHEREAS, high-quality early care and education can help reduce the effects of poverty, detect and remediate delays, identify and help prevent child neglect, and lead to positive outcomes for individual children, helping them be better prepared for school and more likely to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, this Board acknowledges that high-quality early learning and childcare up to age eight, is a public good, and should be supported as such.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, does hereby recognize **April 5-11, 2025** as the **Week of the Young Child** in Napa County. We call upon all community groups, businesses, organizations, educators and members of the community to continue to support efforts that increase children and families' access to high-quality early childhood education and care. Additionally, we thank each organization that plays a crucial role in the well-being of our youth and their families in Napa County.

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