

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

 $\textbf{WHEREAS:} \qquad \qquad \textbf{The Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children (MNAEYC) and the}$

Minnesota Department of Education, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is celebrating the Week of the Young

Child™, April 11-17,2020; and

WHEREAS: By calling attention to the need for high-quality childcare and education for all young

children and their families within Minnesota, these organizations work to improve the

quality and availability of childcare and early learning programs; and

WHEREAS: The childcare providers and early childhood teachers who work with or on behalf of

young children are the backbone to the economy, health, and well-being of our communities, and their heroic efforts, especially in this unprecedented time, warrant

thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS: Public policies and investments that support early childhood care and education for all

young children are crucial to young children's futures and to the prosperity of our

society; and

WHEREAS: The future of our state depends on the quality of life we provide to Minnesota's young

children today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 11-17, 2020, as:

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the State of Minnesota



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesotato be affixed at the State Capitol this 14th day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on April 14, 2020 Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon