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Resolution No. 2023-07 Recognizing April 2-8th as Week of the Young Child

Whereas, The first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning; and,

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

Whereas, A high percentage of mothers return work following the first six weeks after the birth of a child; and,

Whereas, High-quality early care and education can help ameliorate the effects of poverty, detect and re-mediate 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, Participation in high-quality early childhood education saves taxpayer dollars, makes working families more economically secure, and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and live healthier lives; and,

Whereas, the Stanislaus County Office of Education has a dedicated team of highly-qualified professionals to serve the needs of early childhood education and family support and development; and,

Whereas, The majority of these child care costs, which often exceed the cost of a year of college tuition, are borne by parents, who often can't afford the expense; and,

Whereas, Young children need access to an early childhood education workforce that reflects a rich diversity of linguistic, racial, and cultural identities; and,

Whereas, Working families need a strong regulatory structure to give them peace of mind that their children are safe and in high-quality early care and education settings; and,

Whereas, Early childhood educators need opportunities to acquire critical skills, knowledge, and competencies through pathways to credentials and higher education degrees, without incurring college debt.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stanislaus County Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2nd – 8th as the Week of the Young Child, and, urges all members of our community to support efforts that increase children's and families' access to high-quality early childhood education.

Adopted this 14th day of March, 2023

Chinyere Nnodim-Jack, Chairperson
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