



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

AND

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is nationally recognized for its early care and education system, and is committed to ensuring access to high quality early childhood education opportunities and health services; and

WHEREAS, quality education from the start is vital to building a strong North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child recognizes the importance of early care and education to children and their families, and the role of the State in ensuring quality standards and access for all families to these services; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the prosperity of our society and to our state's future; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education works to promote and inspire high quality early childhood experiences that can provide a foundation of learning and success for our children; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of children birth through age eight make a lasting impact on the lives of the young people of North Carolina and deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children, along with the North Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council, the North Carolina Education Cabinet, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Child Development and Early Education, the Department of Public Instruction, and the North Carolina Partnership for Children, join together in recognizing and supporting the people, organizations, and programs committed to providing high quality, early childhood education and services to the families of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2018, as the "**MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD**" and April 16 – 20, 2018, as the "**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.