



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

**AND**

**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

**2022**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**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, language and literacy development are built through positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality, accessible early care and education programs support children's development, allow parents to work and keep local economies moving; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who partner with families to ensure that young children have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's essential early care and education professionals have sacrificed and persevered to serve children and families even during the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, these educators make a lasting impact on the lives of the children and families of North Carolina and deserve thanks and recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children, as well as the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development and Early Education, the Department of Public Instruction, and the Smart Start network, join 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, 2022, as "MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD" and April 2 - 8, 2022, as "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD" in North Carolina, and urge all members of our community to support efforts that increase children and families' access to high-quality early childhood education.



  
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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 thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.