



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

AND

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

2023

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, emotional, and 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-19 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 State of North Carolina recognizes and celebrates the people, organizations, and programs committed to providing and supporting 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, 2023, as "**MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD**" and April 1 – 7, 2023, as "**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 fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.