

1 [Week of the Young Child]

2 PROCLAIMING APRIL 9 - APRIL 15, 2000 THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN
3 RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN'S EARLIEST YEARS IN SHAPING
4 THEIR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEED TO SUPPORT EARLY
5 CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

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7 WHEREAS, We know now, more than ever before, the importance of
8 children's earliest years (birth through age 8) in shaping their
9 learning and development and laying the foundation for their success
10 in school and later life; and,

11 WHEREAS, It is increasingly clear that an adverse early
12 environment can compromise brain function and place children at
13 greater risk of developing a variety of cognitive, behavioral and
14 physical difficulties; and,

15 WHEREAS, A significant number of children confront one or more
16 major risk factors including inadequate health care, isolated parents
17 who lack adequate family and community supports, substandard child
18 care and education, poverty, or insufficient attention by parents
19 because of workplace or other pressures; and

20 WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is a celebration sponsored
21 each April by the National Association for the Education of Young
22 Children (NAEYC), the nation's largest organization of early
23 childhood professionals; and

24 WHEREAS, First established in 1971, the purpose of the Week of
25 the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young

1 children and their families and to support the early childhood
2 programs and services that meet those needs; and

3 WHEREAS, The Week of the Child promotes various goals and
4 strategies including healthy development of young children, adequate
5 child care options for families, and good-quality programs that
6 promote children's active learning and development in child care,
7 preschools, kindergartens and primary grades; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
9 of San Francisco proclaims April 9 - April 15, 2000 the Week of the
10 Young Child in recognition of the importance of children's earliest
11 years in shaping their learning and development and the need to
12 support early childhood programs and services.



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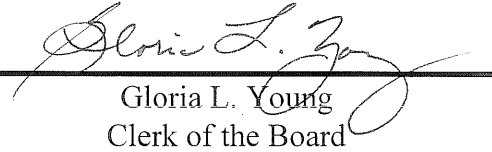
April 17, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 17, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.