



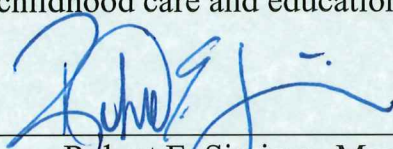
The Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Meridian in conjunction with the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) are celebrating the Week of the Young Child™, April 11-17, 2026; and,
- WHEREAS,** Idaho AEYC is working to promote and inspire high-quality early childhood experiences for our state's youngest citizens, that can provide a foundation of learning and success for children in Meridian; and,
- WHEREAS,** early childhood educators and those who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, who make a meaningful difference in the lives of young children deserve our thanks, support and recognition; and,
- WHEREAS,** public policies supporting early learning for all are crucial to young children's futures and to the prosperity of our society and economy; and,
- WHEREAS,** this is a time to recognize the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their development and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of environment – at home, at child care, at school, and in the community – that will promote early learning.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, proclaim April 11-17, 2026 to be

The Week of the Young Child

in the city of Meridian and encourage all citizens to work to support the efforts of Idaho AEYC by supporting and investing in early childhood care and education in our community.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2026


Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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