

NAEYC Week of the Young Child Proclamation

- WHEREAS, all young children deserve quality early learning environments that support them as capable and competent lifelong learners; and
- WHEREAS, nurturing parenting, quality and accessible child care, and early education programs build strong brains during the critical years from birth to age 5; and
- WHEREAS, Investments in babies and young children has profound impacts on creating a strong and vibrant community; and
- WHEREAS, the National Association for the Education of Young Children and Family Connections are celebrating the 53rd anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and
- WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve equitable early learning opportunities that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Sidney, Montana; and
- WHEREAS, early childhood educators and others who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve thanks, recognition, and support; and
- WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to Montana's families, communities, and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____ do hereby proclaim April 8-12, 2024 as the Week of the Young Child in Sidney, Montana and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.