



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Early Childhood Association, Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning, Early Childhood Coalition-Tupelo/Lee County, Itawamba Community College Resource and Referral Network and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 10 - 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are 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 Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, who make a difference in the lives of young children in Mississippi deserve thanks and recognition, especially during these most difficult times; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures and to the prosperity of our society; and

WHEREAS, the work of those in early care and education classes in all types of settings across the city during the COVID Pandemic allowed public school teachers to concentrate on supporting someone else's children, prepare for a college entrance exam, or passing a mid-term; and

WHEREAS, the work of those in early care and education classes in all types of settings across the city during the COVID Pandemic allowed the medical professionals to work tirelessly, saving lives and delivering babies without the distraction of not knowing who is caring for their children; and

WHEREAS, the work of those in early care and education classes in all types of settings across the city during the COVID Pandemic allowed the employees of banks, grocery stores, industrial plants, laundries and retail stores of all types to function with the staff's knowledge their children are fed, happy, and safe; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tupelo acknowledges the small, under-funded, early care and education industry that supports the weight of economic development through a belief in the future of the community and those who must be educated to succeed in school and life as productive citizens of Tupelo; and

WHEREAS, the city salutes those who call themselves early care and education teachers or center directors and recognizes the importance of each teacher and administrator in the profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason L. Shelton, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, do hereby proclaim April 10 - 16, 2021 as

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in Tupelo, Mississippi and encourage all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood in our community and across the state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi.

Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Hanna, City Clerk