

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-21-77

Recognizing

Week of the Young Child

April 10-16, 2021

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the **Week of the Young Child**, April 10-16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, since 1971, the **Week of the Young Child** has been a celebration of young children and the families, teachers, and communities that promote healthy development across the country and to reaffirm the commitment to meeting the needs of our youngest children; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Office of Education's (MCOE) Early Learning Program, in partnership with the community, is dedicated to providing high-quality early learning education and comprehensive child and family services that support the well-being and social-emotional development of Monterey County children; and

WHEREAS, the **Week of the Young Child** celebration promotes the awareness of and the need for continued support for educators, children and families to optimize the well-being of our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, over 80% of licensed family child care providers remained open during the entire pandemic providing essential services for children and families, and currently 95% of family child care providers and 82% of licensed child care centers are currently operating; and

WHEREAS, MCOE's Early Learning Program provided continuing services throughout the pandemic to include child development instruction, health and safety support, food and nutrition assistance, and family and community engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the availability of quality child care is key for COVID-19 recovery efforts and MCOE's Early Learning Program and area child care providers are helping children and families build the resiliency they need to weather these challenging time; and

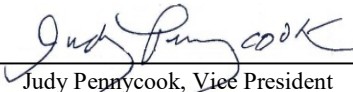
WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education gives thanks and recognition to MCOE's Early Learning Program, and to the early child care providers, educators, family, friends and neighbors, and other organizations working with young children for the critical role they play in the lives of young children throughout Monterey County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 20-21-77 to join the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the many community partners in recognizing the critical importance of placing children at the heart of our community as we proclaim April 10-16, 2020 as the **Week of the Young Child**.

Passed and Adopted on the Fourteenth Day of April, 2021



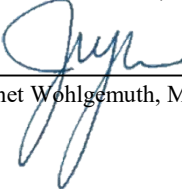
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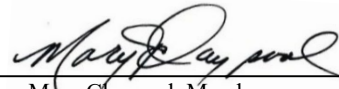
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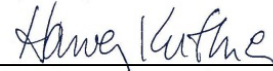
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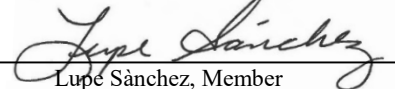
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