



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning; and

WHEREAS participation in high-quality early childhood education saves taxpayer dollars, makes working families more economically secure, and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and live healthier lives; and

WHEREAS the cost of one year of childcare for an infant in Missouri averages \$9,880 and \$6,849 for a four-year old. These costs, which often exceed the cost of a year of college tuition, are mostly borne by parents, who often cannot afford it; and

WHEREAS young children need developmentally appropriate, accessible, and available early care and education settings with skilled, educated, competent, consistent, and compensated early childhood educators; and

WHEREAS working families need a strong regulatory structure that can give peace of mind that their children are safe and in high-quality early childcare with sufficient childcare spaces available; and

WHEREAS robust subsidies, scholarships, and tax credits for families at all income levels, that support the true cost of quality early childhood education, should be available along with the ability to earn a family-sustaining wage that is commensurate with the required education and skills for the valuable work they do; and

WHEREAS families must have basic workplace benefits such as health insurance, retirement, paid sick leave, paid vacation, and professional development leave.

WHEREAS I, Bryan Jacobs, Mayor of the City of Warrensburg, along with the other members of the City Council, would like to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

APRIL 10-16, 2021

in the City of Warrensburg, Missouri .

Dated this 12th day of April 2021.

Cindy Gabel , City Clerk

Bryan Jacobs, Mayor
Scott Holmberg, Chairman Pro Tem
Casey Lund, Council Member
Nolan Brooks, Council Member
Jim Kushner, Council Member