



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-011

**RECOGNIZING APRIL 6 - 12, 2024, AS
THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child® was established in 1871 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC); and

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child® was established in recognition that the early childhood years (prenatal through age 8) lays the foundation for a child's success in school and later in life; and

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child's® purpose is to focus public attention on the needs of young children, their families, and caregivers, and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, a child's cognitive, physical, social, emotional, language and literacy development are built on a foundation of positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child® is a time to recognize that providing children with access to opportunities is our responsibility. It's also a time to recommit to ensuring that every child experiences a high-quality early learning environment that will promote their development and growth; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County collaborates with multiple partners to provide early learning services and support to young children, their families, and caregivers, including but not limited to school districts, Tribes, Child Care Aware, licensed childcare centers and homes, non-profit organizations, and home visiting programs; and

WHEREAS, research indicates a significant relationship between a child's third grade proficiency and future academic achievement, college retention, and career readiness; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize April 6 – 12, 2024, as the Week of the Young Child® in Snohomish County, joining together with our community and communities around the globe committed to building a stronger, more diverse early learning system to support the unique needs of every family with young children.

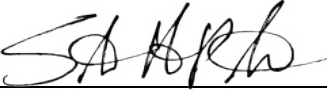
APPROVED this 3rd day of April, 2024.




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