

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



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 childcare, 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 Redwood Coast Chapter of the California Association for the Education of Young Children, First 5 Humboldt, Changing Tides Family Services, Northcoast Children's Services, College of the Redwoods Child Development Center, and Cal Poly Humboldt Children's Center and Child Development Department, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the 55<sup>th</sup> 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 Humboldt County; 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 Humboldt County's families, communities and economy; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the County's the early childhood care and education workforce by providing resources to stabilize the child care system, resulting in better access to critical child care services for families and preserving those services necessary to local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt has been steadfast in its advocacy for young children and their families in their annual legislative platform and advocacy actions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 7-11, 2025 as the Week of the Child in Humboldt County, California and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.

Dated: April 8, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair