



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the ChildCare Planning Council of Sonoma County and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 1 - 7, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations are working to improve early care and education opportunities that provide a foundation of learning for all children in Santa Rosa, California; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality early care and education can help ameliorate the effects of poverty, detect, and remediate delays, identify and help prevent child neglect, and lead to positive outcomes for individual children, helping them be better prepared for school and more likely to succeed in life; and

**WHEREAS**, young children need developmentally appropriate, accessible, and available early care and education settings; and

**WHEREAS**, young children need access to an early childhood education workforce that reflects a rich diversity of linguistic, racial, and cultural identities; and

**WHEREAS**, childcare providers, especially women of color, who are skilled and valuable front-line professionals that risked their health to provide early care and education during a global pandemic deserve to be fairly compensated; and

**WHEREAS**, early childhood education providers and other community members who make a difference in the lives of young children in Santa Rosa, California deserve thanks and recognition; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2023

**Week of the Young Child**



Mayor Natalie Rogers  
April 11, 2023