

1 [The Week of the Young Child in San Francisco - April 6 through April 12, 2024]

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3 **Resolution celebrating early care educators and families of young children during “The**
4 **Week of the Young Child,” April 6 through April 12, 2024, in the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration during the month of
8 April sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC),
9 the world’s largest early childhood education association, to focus public attention on the
10 needs of young children and their families; and to promote the importance of early care and
11 education as a foundation for the intellectual, emotional, social-emotional, and physical
12 development of young children; and

13 WHEREAS, Children’s brains develop more during the first five years of their life than
14 at any other time; and

15 WHEREAS, High quality early care and education is dependent on well-supported
16 early care educators who deserve fair wages, health care and paid leave benefits, and
17 professional development resources; and

18 WHEREAS, Young children need developmentally appropriate, readily available early
19 care and education settings, but access is currently uneven and dependent on the ability to
20 pay parent fees or access subsidies; and

21 WHEREAS, Working families rely on an expansion of affordable, high-quality early care
22 and education especially given the shortage of child care slots; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a legacy as a champion in supporting children and
24 families and celebrates diversity while recognizing the inequities along race and class lines;
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1 WHEREAS, San Francisco has made great strides in advancing the support system for
2 early childhood education through the Early Care and Education for All Initiative, made
3 possible by the historic passage of Proposition C (also known as “Baby C”) in 2018 that
4 created a dedicated source of local funding to support the wages of early care educators and
5 to expand childcare slots for children ages 0-5; and

6 WHEREAS, Additional funding is being released to support robust educator
7 professional development pathways; early care and education workplace and service quality
8 enhancements; and facility investments needed to build a comprehensive early care and
9 education system for children from birth to five; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2022, San Francisco established the Department of Early Childhood
11 (DEC) to center the needs of the city’s youngest children and their families through a two-
12 generational approach in supporting programs that are critical in providing nurturing care and
13 education for their lives now; and striving to achieve universal quality early care and education
14 for all families to best prepare children for Kindergarten and lifetime success; and

15 WHEREAS, DEC brings together the efforts of many in the early childhood field by
16 ensuring San Francisco’s enduring role supporting and sustaining preventive programs and
17 services across education, health, and family support; and supporting the providers that
18 enrich children’s lives; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
20 County of San Francisco declares the week of April 6 through April 12, 2024, “The Week of
21 the Young Child” and encourages celebrations throughout the month of April; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San
23 Francisco commits to expanding access and support for families with young children ages 0-5
24 especially those in historically marginalized communities, such as Black, Indigenous, People
25 of Color, English Language Learners, and students with disabilities; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San
2 Francisco extends their utmost appreciation to early care educators at center and home-
3 based programs for their outstanding work on behalf of young children and their families; and,
4 be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San
6 Francisco affirms its support to the children, families, service providers, and the early care and
7 education workforce of San Francisco and commits to visiting sites to see firsthand the
8 positive impact of these programs on families and young children; and to listen to providers
9 about ongoing needs to stabilize and improve programs, access, and workforce development.

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