

1 [The Week of the Young Child in San Francisco - April 2 through April 8, 2023]

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3 **Resolution celebrating early care educators and families of young children during “The**
4 **Week of the Young Child,” April 2 through April 8, 2023, 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 first
8 week of April sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children
9 (NAEYC) to promote the importance of early education as a foundation for the intellectual,
10 emotional, social-emotional, and physical development of young children; and

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Working families rely on affordable, high-quality early care and education
20 especially given the shortage of child care slots; and

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a legacy as a champion in supporting children and
22 families and celebrates diversity while recognizing the inequities along race and class lines;
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24 WHEREAS, San Francisco has made great strides in advancing the support system for
25 early childhood education through the Early Care and Education for All Initiative, made

1 possible by the historic passage of Proposition C (also known as “Baby C”) in 2018 that
2 created a dedicated source of local funding to support the wages of early care educators and
3 to expand childcare slots for children ages 0-5; and

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

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

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 County of San Francisco declares the week of April 2, 2023, through April 8, 2023, “The Week
15 of the Young Child” and encourages celebrations throughout the month of April; and, be it

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

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

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San
25 Francisco affirms its support to the children, families, service providers, and the early care and

1 education workforce of San Francisco and commits to visiting sites to see firsthand the
2 positive impact of these programs on families and young children; and to listen to providers
3 about ongoing needs to stabilize and improve programs, access, and workforce development.
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