[Week of the Young Child]

PROCLAIMING APRIL 9 - APRIL 15, 2000 THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN'S EARLIEST YEARS IN SHAPING THEIR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEED TO SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, We know now, more than ever before, the importance of children's earliest years (birth through age 8) in shaping their learning and development and laying the foundation for their success in school and later life; and,

WHEREAS, It is increasingly clear that an adverse early environment can compromise brain function and place children at greater risk of developing a variety of cognitive, behavioral and physical difficulties; and,

WHEREAS, A significant number of children confront one or more major risk factors including inadequate health care, isolated parents who lack adequate family and community supports, substandard child care and education, poverty, or insufficient attention by parents because of workplace or other pressures; and

WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is a celebration sponsored each April by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's largest organization of early childhood professionals; and

WHEREAS, First established in 1971, the purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young

children and their families and to support the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, The Week of the Child promotes various goals and strategies including healthy development of young children, adequate child care options for families, and good-quality programs that promote children's active learning and development in child care, preschools, kindergartens and primary grades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco proclaims April 9 - April 15, 2000 the Week of the Young Child in recognition of the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development and the need to support early childhood programs and services.



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April 17, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 17, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.