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[Week of the Young Child]

HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NAEYC) FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK ON BEHALF OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 1999, THE "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD" IN SAN FRANCISCO.

WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration each April sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's largest organization of early childhood professionals with more than 103,000 members; and,

WHEREAS, 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, Recent research into brain development has highlighted the importance of the first five years of a child's life to their long term social, emotional, cognitive and physical development; and,

WHEREAS, Investment in prevention and early intervention efforts for young children is highly cost effective; and,

WHEREAS, The needs of young children and their families have often been overlooked by policy makers, legislators and the public; and,

WHEREAS, Children birth to five years old in San Francisco comprise one-third the population of all children and youth from birth to eighteen in the City; and,

WHEREAS, A child's healthy emotional and physical development is closely linked to having access to a safe, stable, supported environment and consistent and nurturing caregivers; and,

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WHEREAS, Emotional and physical well-being is known to affect a child's ability to enter school ready to learn; and recent research into children's brain development demonstrates the importance of identifying and supporting children's needs at very young ages; and.

WHEREAS, The Children and Families First Initiative (Proposition 10) will provide additional support for and attention to the needs of young children and their families; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a leader in innovative programs, services, and public/private partnerships, supporting young children and their families; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco Starting Points Initiative a public/private partnership, housed in the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, has highlighted the needs of young children in San Francisco, and in improving and enhancing services for young children; and,

WHEREAS, All children and their families need access to high quality child care programs that support families, and comprehensive health services to ensure healthy development; and,

WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is an excellent time to highlight the importance of the first five years of a child's life and to engage the public around issues for children under age; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco honors the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for their outstanding work on behalf of young children and their families; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco declares the week of April 19, 1999, the "Week of the Young Child" in San Francisco.



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## Resolution

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Resolution honoring the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for their outstanding work on behalf of young children and their families, and declaring the week of April 19, 1999, the "Week of the Young Child" in San Francisco.

April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 19, 1999 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.