

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 11-17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to promote and inspire high-quality early childhood experiences for our state's youngest citizens, that can provide a foundation of learning and success for children in Preston City, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, who make a difference in the lives of young children in Preston City deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures and to the prosperity of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Dan Keller, Mayor of the City of Preston, do hereby proclaim April 11 – 17, 2020 as the Week of the Young Child in Preston, Idaho and encourage all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood in Preston.

Daniel M. Keller, Mayor

Attest:

Linda Acock, City Clerk

Dear Mayor Keller,

The Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) is proud to promote and support recognition of and engagement in the Week of the Young Child™ (WOYC). On behalf of our members and all early childhood professionals in Idaho, **we respectfully request that you proclaim April 11-17, 2020 as the Week of the Young Child™ in your city.**

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual, nationwide celebration that focuses public attention on the needs of our youngest children and their families and recognizes the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Idaho AEYC recognizes that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.

Today, we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their development. This is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment – at home, at child care, at school, and in the community – that will promote early learning.

We encourage you to bring your community together and show your support for young children and families, and especially those who care for and work with our youngest children. Thank you for considering a proclamation to proclaim April 11-17, 2020 as Week of the Young Child™.

Please let us know if you plan to participate as we would like to recognize your city/town at the state level. Feel free to email me at boppenheimer@idahoaeyc.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

With respect,



Beth Oppenheimer
Executive Director, Idaho AEYC

Suggested Wording for Local Proclamations

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, [name of official], [Mayor] of [City], do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2020 as the Week of the Young Child™ in [City], ID and encourage all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood in [City].

The Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) is a non-profit, mission-driven organization that works to advance early learning in Idaho and advocate for children, families and those who work on behalf of our young children. We envision a world where all children thrive.