



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Local early care and education organizations in conjunction with the Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children (MnAEYC) and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 8-12, 2019;
- 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 Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Providers, 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 Minnesota deserve thanks and recognition; and
- WHEREAS: Ensuring children are ready to learn is a community endeavor that involves parents, child care providers, policymakers, businesses, and community agencies; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota promotes equitable access to high-quality early care and education experiences especially for those communities experiencing the most significant disparities—including Minnesota's populations of color, indigenous communities, greater Minnesota communities, and immigrants and refugees—leading to improved outcomes for all.
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to a two-generational approach to policies and practices so that families will thrive, and services are integrated to support children and whole families; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is dedicated to education and understands that early care and education is the key to developing children who are more likely to finish school, attend college, and to be employed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 8-12, 2019 as the:

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8th day of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Pimm".

SECRETARY OF STATE