



*in Recognition of*  
**THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**  
*April 11-17, 2026*

**WHEREAS**, Northcoast Children’s Services (NCS) and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child from April 11-17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, children’s cognitive, physical, social-emotional, and language and literacy development are built on a foundation of children’s positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in high-quality early childhood education saves taxpayer dollars, makes working families more economically secure, and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and live healthier lives; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality early childhood education depends on early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Northcoast Children’s Services, founded as a parent cooperative in 1969, has served young children in our community for over 50 years; serving over 500 of our community’s neediest children and families annually; and

**WHEREAS**, NCS Head Start & Early Head Start and state funded program’s success in improving the early learning outcomes rests in the leadership of parents, and support from local businesses, municipalities, community members, and neighbors, as well as a skilled work force; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers and other helpers who make a difference in the lives of young children in Arcata deserve thanks and recognition, and public policies that support early learning for young children are crucial to the future well-being of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City Council of the City of Arcata hereby recognizes the week of April 11-17, 2026 as **THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD** and encourages our community to make an investment in early childhood education because “Early Years Are Learning Years.”

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*Kimberley White*  
*Mayor*