



# ***CITY OF SEBASTOPOL***

## ***Proclamation***

Recognizing Week of the Young Child, April 6-12, 2024

**Whereas**, This special week is a dedicated time when we celebrate the importance of early childhood and the families, educators, and advocates who support these important years in a child's life.; and

**Whereas**, organizations, such as Child Care Planning Council are working to improve early care and education opportunities that provide a foundation of learning for all children; and

**Whereas**, high-quality early care and education can help ameliorate the effects of poverty, detect and remediate delays, identify and help prevent child neglect, and lead to positive outcomes for individual children, helping them be better prepared for school and more likely to succeed in life; and

**Whereas**, young children need developmentally appropriate, accessible, and available early care and education settings; and

**Whereas**, young children need access to an early childhood education workforce that reflects a rich diversity of linguistic, racial, and cultural identities; and

**Whereas**, child care providers, especially women of color, who are skilled and valuable front-line professionals that risked their health to provide early care and education during a global pandemic deserve to be fairly compensated; and

**Whereas**, early childhood education providers and other community members who make a difference in the lives of young children in Sebastopol deserve thanks and recognition; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Diana Gardner Rich, do hereby recognize and proclaim the Week of the Young Child, April 6-12, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024.

Diana Gardner Rich  
Mayor, City of Sebastopol