



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

PROCLAIMING APRIL 11-17, 2026 AS WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

WHEREAS, The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association; and

WHEREAS, First established in 1971, Week of the Young Child is now celebrating 55 years of elevating the needs of young children and their families while recognizing the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, Week of the Young Child reinforces our commitment to ensuring every child has access to high-quality early learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, The first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning; and

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

WHEREAS, High-quality early childhood programs provide important benefits to children, families, and our state and national economies; and

WHEREAS, High-quality early care and education help build strong developmental foundations for young children during the years of greatest brain development, leading to positive outcomes for individual children; and

WHEREAS, Increasing access to 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jill McLewis, Mayor, on behalf of the entire City Council proclaim APRIL 11-17, 2026 AS WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 7th day of April 2026.

Jill McLewis
Mayor, City of Sebastopol