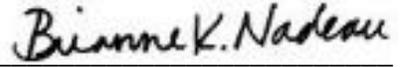


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23 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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27 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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32 To recognize the month of April 2021 as “The Month of the Young Child” in the District of
33 Columbia.

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

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39 WHEREAS, a high percentage of mothers in the District return to work in the first six
40 weeks after the birth of a child;

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

47 WHEREAS, thirty-four percent of early childhood educators in the District earn poverty-
48 level wages and do not have basic workplace benefits such as health insurance and paid sick
49 leave;

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51 WHEREAS, tuition from fee-paying parents and subsidy rates for families with low
52 incomes are typically insufficient to afford highly qualified, consistent early childhood educators
53 and pay for low child-to-early educator ratios that ensure the health and safety of children;

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55 WHEREAS, young children need skilled, educated, competent, consistent, and
56 compensated early childhood educators;

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58 WHEREAS, working families need sufficient high-quality child care spaces beginning at
59 birth to be available in the community;

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61 WHEREAS, early childhood educators need the ability to earn a family-sustaining wage
62 that is commensurate with the required education and skills they bring to the complex and
63 valuable work they do; and

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65 WHEREAS, we celebrate the month of April as the Month of the Young Child so that we
66 may continue to recognize and advance the early childhood profession.

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68 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
69 resolution may be cited as the “Month of the Young Child Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

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71 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the work of early childhood educators and
72 continues to support children, families, and our economy through the pandemic crisis, recovery,
73 and beyond.

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75 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
76 the District of Columbia Register.