

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD AND WEEK OF THE
YOUNG CHILD 2026

WHEREAS, there are over 32,000 children ages 0-5 (not yet in kindergarten) in Guilford County and 69% of these children live in households where their sole parent or both parents are working;

WHEREAS, children's cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and language and literacy development are built through positive interactions with adults, peers and their environment during these critical early years;

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;

WHEREAS, there are 312 licensed early care and education facilities in Guilford County, employing over 2000 early care and education professionals;

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

WHEREAS, these high quality early childhood educators make a lasting impact on the lives of the children and families of the City of Greensboro and deserve thanks and recognition;

WHEREAS, in a show of unity, we participate in a county-wide spirit week and support a Get Green initiative to wear green and a sticker of advocacy stating, "I am at work today thanks to an early childhood educator" across all sectors;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro recognizes and celebrates the critical investments the people, organizations, and programs committed to providing high-quality early childhood education and services to the families of our community make;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Partnership for Children, a hub for early childhood education in Guilford County, is celebrating its 30th year of supporting young children, their families and early childhood educators; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That April 2026 be recognized, as "MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD" and April 11-17, 2026 as "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD" in the City of Greensboro and commend its observance to all residents.