

RESOLUTION OF THE  
DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

**WHEREAS** 75% of children in our state have all available parents in the workforce and

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

**WHEREAS** many early childhood educators earn poverty-level wages and do not have basic workplace benefits, such as health insurance and paid sick leave. The average wage for childcare providers, who are skilled and valuable front-line professionals who have risked their health to provide education and care during a global pandemic is less than \$12 per hour and

**WHEREAS** at the same time, the cost of one year of childcare for an infant in Nebraska averages \$12,272 and \$11,148 for a four-year old and

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

**WHEREAS** working families need a mixed-delivery early childhood education system that allows them to choose between “quality” and “quality” when selecting the setting that best meets their needs and

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

**WHEREAS** we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Week Of the Young Child so that we can continue to recognize and advance the early childhood education profession.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** hereby proclaim April 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as the **Week of the Young Child**, and urge all members of our community to support efforts that increase children and families’ access to high-quality early childhood education.

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ moved for the adoption of this resolution with Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ offering a second to the motion. Roll call vote showed \_\_\_ yeas and \_\_\_ nays.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

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Robert Missel  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Fred Mytty, Dodge County Clerk



2/8/2022

Dear Dodge County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Dodge County Early Childhood Work Group convened through the Fremont Family Coalition, I am writing to request your proclamation that the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> be known as Week of the Young Child.

The purpose of Week of the Young Child<sup>®</sup> is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families in recognizing the early childhood programs and services in our community that meet those needs.

The Week of the Young Child<sup>®</sup> is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are all our responsibility, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at childcare, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning.

In recognition of, Week of the Young Child, we ask that the Dodge County Board of Supervisors issue a proclamation that recognizes April 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as Week of the Young Child. We would be particularly honored to have a board member present this proclamation at our Party in the Park on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

Fremont Family Coalition and the Early Childhood Work Group look forward to working with the Board of Supervisors on this important endeavor and in representing Dodge County in this national campaign. Our draft of the proclamation is included.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Genna Faulkner, Early Childhood Community Coordinator  
Fremont Family Coalition