

WHEREAS: The National Association for the Education of Young Children

has designated April 1-7, 2024, Week of the Young Child; and

WHEREAS: This week is to focus public attention on the needs of young

children and their families and to recognize and celebrate how early childhood programs address and service those needs; and

WHEREAS: The early childhood years (birth to age eight) are crucial for

laying the foundation for a child's success in school and later in

life; and

**WHEREAS:** Children who attend high-quality early childhood programs are

more likely to graduate from high school; and

**WHEREAS:** Children in high-quality early childhood programs with caring,

responsive adults are better equipped to live healthy and

impactful lives, and to earn higher wages; and

**WHEREAS:** We congratulate the local chapter of the National Association

for the Education of Young Children on their contributions to the community and are pleased to join in celebrating the Week

of the Young Child.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES**, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 1 - 7, 2024 as

## THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of April, 2024.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor