



By the Office of the Mayor of Crawfordsville, Indiana and the Office of the Montgomery County Commissioners:

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Association of Education for the Young Child designates the first full week in April as the Week of the Young Child; and during this week we recognize and celebrate our youngest citizens and their teachers and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, **Young Children NEED** - Skilled, educated, competent, consistent, and compensated early childhood educators; and

WHEREAS, **Families NEED** - Sufficient high-quality child care environments beginning at birth to be available in the community and robust subsidies and scholarships for families at all income levels that support the true cost of quality early childhood education; and

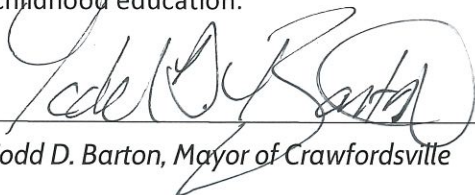
WHEREAS, **Early Childhood Educators NEED** - the ability to have basic workplace benefits such as health insurance, retirement, paid sick leave, paid vacation and professional development leave and the ability to earn a family-sustaining wage that is commensurate with the required education and skills they bring to the complex and valuable work they do.

And WHEREAS WE CELEBRATE- the Week of the Young Child so that we can continue to recognize and advance the early childhood education profession.

Therefore, be it resolved that Montgomery County and the City of Crawfordsville does hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2023 as

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.



Todd D. Barton, Mayor of Crawfordsville



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