WHEREAS, every year, thanks to the great work of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and that of their 52 affiliate agencies, jurisdictions across the nation dedicate a week in April to promoting and inspiring high-quality early childhood experiences for our nation’s youngest citizens, that can provide a foundation of learning and success; and

WHEREAS, the NAEYC is a professional membership organization that works to promote high-quality early learning for all young children, birth through age 8, by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research. They work to advance a diverse and dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children. The Association is comprised of nearly 60,000 individual members of the early childhood community and 52 affiliates. All agencies are committed to delivering on the promise of high-quality early learning; and

WHEREAS, parallel to the NAEYC, Napa County Child Care and Development Planning Council works to achieve a collective vision: one that all young children thrive and learn in a society dedicated to ensuring they reach their fullest potential; and

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

WHEREAS, this Board does hereby recognize that high-quality early childhood education, provided in a mixed–delivery system, is a public good, and should be supported as such; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Ryan Gregory, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, do dedicate April 2-8, 2022 as the Week of the Young Child in Napa County. I call upon all citizens, community groups, businesses, organizations and educators to continue to support efforts that increase children and families’ access to high-quality early childhood education. Additionally, I thank Napa County Child Care and Development Planning Council for the complex, valuable, and essential work that they do for early learners and their families in Napa County.

Ryan Gregory, Chair

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