

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The first five years of a child's life represent the most rapid brain growth, which lays the foundation for all future learning experiences; and
- WHEREAS:** Nationally, one in every four women who reported becoming unemployed during the pandemic said it was because of a lack of affordable child care; and
- WHEREAS:** Nationally, one in six child care workers has lost their job during the pandemic, threatening child care supply, impacting healthy child development, and compromising economic recovery for our state; and
- WHEREAS:** The essential, yet chronically undercompensated child care sector has sacrificed and struggled to serve children and families since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS:** Public policies and public investments that support children in high quality, culturally-responsive early learning and child care are vital to all Oregonians; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children, the Early Learning Division, in conjunction with the Early Learning Council, the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children, the Early Childhood Coalition and the National Association for the Education of Young Children are celebrating the 51st Anniversary of the Week of the Young Child, April 2-8, 2022.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2-8, 2022** to be

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, March 30, 2022.



Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State