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## A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of April 6 through 12, 2014, as the "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, The National Association for the Education of Young
- 4 Children (NAEYC) draws attention to how high-quality early
- 5 childhood experiences in the first few years of a child's life
- 6 can provide a path for success in school and life; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The NAEYC offers tips so that parents are able to
- 8 choose a high-quality program for their child; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The NAEYC encourages limited group sizes so that
- 10 teachers are able to build strong bonds with babies and
- 11 toddlers; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Teachers show warmth and support by making eye
- 13 contact, talking, reading and singing to the child; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Teachers pay close attention to baby and toddler
- 15 cues because teachers recognize that the child is unable to
- 16 communicate all their needs through language; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Teachers follow health and safety standards to limit
- 2 the spread of infectious diseases and can see and hear infants
- 3 at all times; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Teachers become good examples for children by
- 5 displaying kindness and respect for others while encouraging
- 6 language skills so that toddlers can express their wants and
- 7 needs with words; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Teachers encourage all toddlers, including ones with
- 9 physical disabilities, to participate in safe environments that
- 10 engage toddlers in everyday routines such as eating, toileting
- 11 and dressing so that children can learn new skills and better
- 12 control their own behavior; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Preschool children have wide-ranging individual
- 14 development plans that are not too easy so that they are boring
- 15 and not too hard so that they are frustrating; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Teachers encourage preschool children to play,
- 17 explore and connect past experiences with current interests;
- 18 therefore be it
- 19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 20 week of April 6 through 12, 2014, as the "Week of the Young
- 21 Child" in Pennsylvania.