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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 18, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 16 through 20, 2018, as the "Week
2 of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania and supporting high-
3 quality early childhood education as the right choice for
4 young children in this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, The "Week of the Young Child" is an annual
6 celebration sponsored by the National Association for the
7 Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early
8 childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and
9 a network of 50 regional, State and local affiliates; and

10 WHEREAS, The purpose of the "Week of the Young Child" is to
11 focus public attention on the needs of young children and their
12 families and to recognize the early childhood programs and
13 services that meet those needs; and

14 WHEREAS, NAEYC first established the "Week of the Young
15 Child" in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years,
16 birth through eight years of age, lay the foundation for
17 children's success in school and later life; and

18 WHEREAS, The central purpose of the "Week of the Young Child"

1 remains unchanged and is to promote the needs of young children,
2 their families and the early childhood programs that serve them;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Activities to celebrate the week include:

5 (1) Music Monday - music develops mathematics, language
6 and literacy skills.

7 (2) Tasty Tuesday - cooking connects mathematics with
8 literacy skills and science.

9 (3) Work Together Wednesday - building explores
10 mathematics and science concepts and develops children's
11 social and early literacy skills.

12 (4) Artsy Thursday - art develops creativity, social
13 skills and fine motor skills.

14 (5) Family Friday - sharing family stories;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Today we know more than ever about the importance of
17 children's earliest years in shaping their learning and
18 development, yet never have the needs of young children and
19 their families been more pressing; and

20 WHEREAS, The "Week of the Young Child" is a time to recognize
21 that children's opportunities are our responsibility and to
22 recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child
23 experiences the type of early environment at home, at child
24 care, at school and in the community that will promote their
25 early learning; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 16
27 through 20, 2018, as the "Week of the Young Child" in
28 Pennsylvania and support high-quality early childhood education
29 as the right choice for young children in this Commonwealth.