



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

### *Proclaiming and Recognizing April 1 – 7, 2023 AS Week of the Young Child*

**Whereas**, the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 1 - 7, 2023; and

**Whereas**, these organizations are working to improve early care and education opportunities that provide a foundation of learning for all children in Sebastopol, California; 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**, young children need developmentally appropriate, accessible, and available early care and education settings; and

**Whereas**, young children need access to an early childhood education workforce that reflects a rich diversity of linguistic, racial, and cultural identities; and

**Whereas**, child care providers, especially women of color, who are skilled and valuable front-line professionals that risked their health to provide early care and education during a global pandemic deserve to be fairly compensated; and

**Whereas**, early childhood education providers and other community members who make a difference in the lives of young children in Sebastopol deserve thanks and recognition; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I**, Mayor Neysa Hinton, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, do hereby proclaim April 1-7 as

The Week of the Young Child

and commit to investments that stabilize, sustain, and support child care and early learning so this essential workforce can continue to support children, families, and our economy through the pandemic crisis, recovery, and beyond.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand on the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
Mayor Neysa Hinton