Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMS

APRIL 23, 2007 THROUGH APRIL 29, 2007 THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Education of Young Children established The Week of the Young Child in 1971 as a celebration to focus attention on the needs of young children and their families, and to celebrate the contributions of early childhood programs that work to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child recognizes that a child's experiences in their early years lays the foundation for success in later life, and that the Week of the Young Child provides an opportunity to renew our commitment to ensuring that all young children and their families in San Mateo County, and across the Country, have access to high quality child care; and

WHEREAS, there are over 3,000 parents in San Mateo County waiting to receive subsidized child care who are unable to receive such care because of inadequate levels of state and federal funding, and many more children in San Mateo County who are currently waiting to receive subsidized child care; and

WHEREAS, The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors appreciates that Parent Voices of San Mateo County, a voluntary association of parent advocates, will speak to members of the California State Legislature in Sacramento at Stand for Children Day on May 2, 2007, raising awareness about the importance of accessible, safe and meaningful child care and about the need for additional funding for subsidized child care to ensure that the values celebrated during the Week of the Young Child are reflected in our state and federal funding priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, designates the week of April 23, 2007 through April 29, 2007 as Week of the Young Child in San Mateo County and encourages all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in San Mateo County.

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