



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), are celebrating the Week of the Young Child (WOYC) April 5-11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, by highlighting the need for high-quality early care and education for all children and families, within our communities and the state, these groups are committed to the early care and education system in Iowa that will ensure each and every child, beginning at birth, is healthy and successful; and

WHEREAS, based on the latest research on brain development and how children learn, and what we know about the return on investments in young children, we fully support the need for access to high-quality early care and educational services; and

WHEREAS, the future of our communities and the economy of our state depends on the quality of the early care and education experiences, as well as access to the high-quality early care and education programs, provided to young children today; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize the vital work performed by early care and education professionals, express our gratitude for their important services and support efforts to see that they are fairly compensated.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim April 5-11, 2025 as WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD in the City of Ankeny, Iowa.

DATED AND SIGNED this 4th day of April, 2025.

Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

