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Waterville
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Mayoral Proclamation

- Whereas** children’s cognitive, physical, social and emotional, and language and literacy development are built on a foundation of children’s positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and
- Whereas** high-quality early childhood programs provide important benefits to children, families and our state and national economies; and
- Whereas** high-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation; 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** the need for robust subsidies, scholarships, and tax credits for families at all income levels that support the true cost of quality early childhood education; and
- Whereas** early childhood educators need ability to earn a family-sustaining wage that is commensurate with the required education and skills they bring to the complex and valuable work they do.

Now therefore, I, Michael Morris, as Mayor of Waterville, Maine, on behalf of the City Council, and the residents of Waterville do hereby proclaim April 6 – 12, 2024, as

Week of the Young Child

and recognize that when our society invests in educators,
we also invest in children and families.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby set my hand and seal this 8th day of April, two thousand and twenty-four.

Michael Morris, Mayor

