



PROCLAMATION WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

WHEREAS, the first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning, and

WHEREAS, children are born with a genetic blueprint, but it is the interactions with caring adults, peers, and their environment that shape their language and literacy, cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development, and

WHEREAS, parents and caregivers are children's first teachers, and

WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood programs prepare children to succeed in school, to earn higher wages, and to live healthier lives, and

WHEREAS, communities share the responsibility, along with parents and educators, for nurturing and educating children, and

WHEREAS, Story County policies and investments that support families, caregivers, and early childhood programs are essential to help transform young children's lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Ryan Condon, Mayor of the City of Nevada, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2026, as the WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD and do hereby urge all citizens to recognize that, by investing in our children today, we are securing the collective future of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Nevada, Iowa to be affixed this 13th day of April, 2026.



Ryan Condon, Mayor