## **PROCLAMATION**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2012 AS

## 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 thank teachers and all those who make a difference in young children's lives; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 childcare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centralized Eligibility List (CEL), a list for families countywide who are eligible and have a need for state and federally subsidized child care, are ranked based on their gross income and the number of individuals in the family. Families with the greatest financial need are served and may be enrolled ahead of families who have been on the list for a longer period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 7,000 children in San Mateo County who are currently eligible to receive subsidized child care but do not because of inadequate levels of state and federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that high-quality early childhood programs help children, especially those from low-income families, develop the skills they need to succeed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the week of April 23, 2012 through April 27, 2012 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.

Dated: April 23, 2010

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors