



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama Partnership for Children and other state and local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 11 through April 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Partnership for Children has also partnered with the national advocacy organization, Zero to Three, in adding the "Strolling Thunder" parade on April 14, 2020, to the annual Week of the Young Child events in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, "Strolling Thunder" involves Alabama families, early childhood educators, state agencies, programs and advocacy groups, encouraging lawmakers to make the potential of every baby in our state a priority, and to "Think Babies" by investing heavily in young children to help create stronger families, vibrant communities, and a prosperous country; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the need for high-quality early learning experiences and the comprehensive coordination of care for all children and families within our state, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of state services, providing every family access to these services no matter where they live in our state; and

WHEREAS, the future of our state depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today, preparing them for school success and brighter outcomes; and

WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future and a necessary support for Alabama's working families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 13-17, 2020, as

Week of the Young Child

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 24th day of February 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor