



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Week of the Young Child

Report in Brief

The Yolo County Child Care Planning Council is requesting recognition of April 13 – 19, 2008 as the “Week of the Young Child” celebration in the City. Many events and activities will be held to recognize our children’s quality child care and early childhood education opportunities.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Proclamation recognizing April 13-19, 2008 as the “Week of the Young Child”.

Background

The National Association for the Education of Young Children works in conjunction with State and local agencies to promote early literacy and learning, to thank educators and to influence public policy in relation to young children. This organizational effort has been in place for many years, although this is the first such recognition requested of the Council.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Proclamation recognizing April 13-19, 2008 as the “Week of the Young Child”.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD - APRIL 13-19, 2008

WHEREAS, April 13th through April 19th, 2008 is National Week of the Young Child, wherein communities across America focus attention on the needs of young children and families; and

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment – at home, at child care, at school and in the community – that will promote their early learning and healthy development; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Week of the Young child is Bring Communities Together for Children- Children Bring Communities Together; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Child Care Planning Council is charged with the responsibility to promote the celebration of the children in Yolo County during the Week of the Young Child; and

WHEREAS, quality early childhood programs are critical in the positive development of a child's intellect and self-esteem, and help to reduce the number of children at risk; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for children's services is a partnership, shared with families, elected leaders, community groups, preschools and child care providers; and

WHEREAS, the need for quality child care and children's services continue to increase dramatically; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland is involved with the promotion of quality life experiences for children and families and the development of the future leaders of this community;

NOW THEREFORE, the Woodland City Council, does hereby proclaim the week of April 13th through April 19th, 2008 as "The Week of the Young Child" and recognizes all the child care providers, the government officials who support programs for children, and the many public and private agencies which provide services to children throughout our community.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2008

David M. Flory, Mayor

Marlin H. Davies, Vice-Mayor

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member

Artemio Pimentel, Council Member