



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** For children ages five and younger, nearly 71,000, live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level, while more than 69,000 live at or below 185 percent of the poverty level; and
- WHEREAS:** Research has shown that high quality early care and education settings can substantially increase the number of children who are ready for school; and
- WHEREAS:** Public policies that support early learning for young children are crucial to their futures; and
- WHEREAS:** The Minnesota early care and education community, in partnership with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating Week of the Young Child, April 10-16, 2016; and
- WHEREAS:** This community is working to ensure healthy development for Minnesota's children by improving the quality of learning opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2016, as:

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE