

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION**

*Week of the Young Child*  
*April 21-28, 2012*

WHEREAS, All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life; and

WHEREAS, Positive and purposeful parenting, high quality and accessible child care and early education programs build strong brains during the critical years from birth to 5; and

WHEREAS, Studies and research continue to reinforce that preparing babies and young children to succeed in school and life has profound impacts on building a strong and vibrant economy; and

WHEREAS, Families First: A Best Beginnings Partnership and other local Homer organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child; and

WHEREAS, These organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Homer and outlying areas; and

WHEREAS, Teachers, child care providers, and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Homer deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, Public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James C. Hornaday, Mayor of the City of Homer, do hereby proclaim:

*April 21 - 28, 2012 as the Week of the Young Child in Homer, Alaska*

And encourage all citizens to work to make an investment in early childhood education in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED the Seal of the City of Homer, Alaska, to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.

CITY OF HOMER

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JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK