

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Week of the Young Child

April 20-26, 2014

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, Best Beginnings Homer 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, Mary E. Wythe, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2014 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 14th day of April, 2014.

CITY OF HOMER

MARY E. WYTHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK