A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN OAK CREEK, COLORADO

Whereas, Routt County's Early Childhood Council, First Impressions of Routt County, and other local, state, and national organizations are celebrating April 2024 as the Month of the Young Child; and

Whereas, the first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning; and

Whereas, high-quality early childhood program provide important benefits to children, families, and local economies; and

Whereas, young children need skilled, educated, competent, consistent, and compensated early childhood educators; and

Whereas, early childhood educators need ability to earn a family-sustaining wage that is commensurate with required education and skills they bring to the complex and valuable work they do;

Whereas, families need the ability to access affordable and accessible early childhood education options that are developmentally and culturally to ensure that all children and their families are valued, healthy, and thriving; and

Whereas, the community has access to programs that provide education, support and opportunities to build community for families to meet continually changing demands socially, economically, culturally etc. ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Oak Creek Town Board, Oak Creek, Colorado, that the month of April, 2024 is hereby declared MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD, and We encourage all citizens to be a champion for change by prioritizing investments that stabilize, sustain, and support child care and early learning so this essential workforce can continue to support children, families, and our economy through the pandemic crisis, recovery, and beyond.

ADOPTED THIS ___ day of April, 2024

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Melissa Dobbins, Mayor

Attest:

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David Torgler

Town Administrator/Clerk