

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation* *by* *Governor Mike Dunleavy*

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource. The early years of a child's life are vital in shaping their learning and development; and

WHEREAS, a bright future for Alaska depends on the quality of early childhood experiences provided to our children today. A child's parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, teachers, day care providers, and others in the community can support early learning for all young children; and

WHEREAS, we must demonstrate a commitment to our children's future by protecting them from violence, abuse, and neglect and creating safe homes and strong families for all Alaskan children; and

WHEREAS, parents have the responsibility and optimal position to engage their children in order to nurture their well-being, teach them character-building values, and develop their social skills and cognitive abilities. Parents should take an active role in instilling a love for learning in their children; and

WHEREAS, families, teachers, administrators, local organizations, and many others who provide their time and effort to support families and to make a difference in the lives of Alaska's children deserve our thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that the early childhood years are the foundation for children's success in their academic careers and adulthood, and have a vital impact on their personal development.

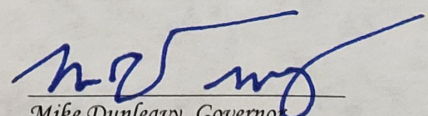
NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim April 10 – 16, 2021 as:

### *The Week of the Young Child*

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to value the young children in their lives and communities and to support and help create vibrant and positive experiences in their early years.

Dated: April 10, 2021



  
*Mike Dunleavy, Governor*  
who has also authorized the  
seal of the State of Alaska to  
be affixed to this proclamation.