

**PROCLAIMING
MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD
APRIL 2005**

WHEREAS, the Month of the Young Child is being observed in Marin County, recognizing the vital role that quality early childhood services play in a child's life and its importance to families and to the community; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the need for high-quality early childhood services for all children and families within our community, we hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, the future of our community depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and

WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future; and

WHEREAS, there is a solid foundation of research demonstrating the critical impact of quality early care and education on a child's long-term intellectual, emotional and physical health; and

WHEREAS, early care and education programs enable parents to work and families to be economically self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, early care and education programs create jobs and generate income and are critical to the overall economic vitality and quality of life in Marin County; and

WHEREAS, quality early care and education requires a knowledgeable, stable and adequately compensated workforce; and

WHEREAS, many children are waiting for openings in early care and education programs in Marin County, and these programs require and deserve community and public agency support; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves a nurturing, healthy and enriching environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Marin, State of California, does hereby proclaim April 2005 as Marin County's Month of the Young Child.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 29th day of March 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Charles McGlashan, Susan L. Adams, Steve Kinsey,
Cynthia L. Murray, Harold C. Brown, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS None