

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the earliest years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and are the foundation for all future learning, health, well-being, growth, and opportunities for success; and

WHEREAS, families' access to high-quality early care and education lays the groundwork for a child's early and long-term development, academic success, opportunity and ability to be responsible, capable, and productive adults, and lifetime of success; and

WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood education depends on the knowledge and expertise of early childhood educators who ensure young children, supported by families and communities, have the early experiences they need for that strong foundation; and

WHEREAS, young children and their families need access to high-quality, developmentally appropriate, and adequately staffed early care and education programs in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, early childhood educators must earn a family-sustaining wage that matches the education, skills, and professional development they bring to the complex, valuable, and essential education they provide; and

WHEREAS, working families' economic and financial security depends on access to high-quality childcare programs staffed by skilled and compensated early educators; and

WHEREAS, employers, business owners, and Wisconsin's economic vitality depend on the ability of parents of young children to access childcare so they can be reliable employees; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of people from across Wisconsin recognize the state's current and long-term social and economic health directly depends on providing the strongest possible start for all of our youngest children through high-quality early learning opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine does hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2026, as Week of the Young Child, and urges all residents to support efforts and investments that increase access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education provided by skilled early childhood educators.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.



Accomplished at the City Hall

this 11th day of April 2026.

Cory Mason

Mayor