



# Fremont County Board of Commissioners

## Proclamation

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

*April 11 – 17, 2026*

**WHEREAS**, the County of Fremont and ECHO & Family Center Early Childhood Council are joining together to honor Child Care Providers and all children of Fremont County; and

**WHEREAS**, the first years of a child's life represent the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning; children's cognitive, physical, social-emotional, and language and literacy development are built upon positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and there are approximately 2,500 children from birth through age five in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in the early years is one of the most powerful investments we can make in the future; as we come together to celebrate this special week, we reaffirm our commitment to providing all children with the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Care Providers are essential to the health of our communities by fostering welcoming spaces, supporting working families, and creating positive, enriching environments where children can develop lifelong skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont County, Colorado recognizes that high-quality early childhood education depends on well-prepared early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation for life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED**, by the County Commissioners of Fremont County, Colorado that the week of **April 11–17, 2026** is hereby designated as:

*Week of the Young Child*  
**in Fremont County, Colorado**

The County Commissioners urge all citizens of Fremont County to recognize this annual celebration, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which highlights the importance of early childhood education from birth to age eight, and honors the educators and families who support young children every day.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2026.

**Kevin Grantham**  
District 1 Commissioner

**Debbie Bell**  
District 2 Commissioner

**Dwayne McFall**  
District 3 Commissioner