

Proclamation

Whereas, the Month of the Young Child is an annual celebration. The purpose of the Month of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Whereas, the Month of the Young Child was first established in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later in life. The Month of the Young Child is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

Whereas, today we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing.

Whereas, the Month of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school and in the community—that will promote their early learning.

Whereas, the City of Leadville community can connect to early childhood programs in Lake County through the Lake County Early Childhood Council.

Now, therefore, I, Greg Labbe, Mayor of Leadville, do hereby proclaim that April 2016 shall be celebrated as *Month of the Young Child*.


Greg Labbe, Mayor