

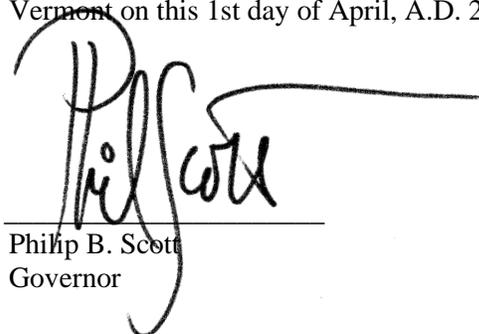
**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the first years of a child’s life are the period of the most rapid brain development that lay the foundation for all future learning and the neural pathways of a two-year-old child are more complex than those of the child’s pediatrician; and
- WHEREAS,** families that wish to fully participate in the workforce require high quality childcare and family services, and 72.76% of children in Vermont had all available parents in the workforce before the rise in unemployment during the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** early childhood educators and family support personnel need to be diverse, well-prepared, and well-compensated with professional working conditions and opportunities for professional development that add to their expertise in ensuring consistent, high-quality services, and early childhood educators and family professionals returned to caring for children and families as frontline workers during the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is committed to establishing a robust infrastructure of family and children’s services that will save taxpayer dollars, attract new families to municipalities, and ensure families can fully participate in the life of the community, and in addition to affordable housing, parents are attracted to Vermont for high quality, local childcare and family services; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VTAEYC), the state-wide affiliate for the National AEYC, is celebrating its 50th year as a professional membership organization connecting practice, policy, and research; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has historically invested in high quality early care and education and is viewed as a national model for government-community partnerships supporting young children and their families.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2-8, 2022 as

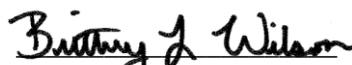
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of April, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs