

PROCLAMATION:

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Whereas, the Berthoud Week of the Young Child and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 13-19, 1997; and

Whereas, by calling the attention to the need for high quality early childhood services for all children and their families within our community, these groups strive to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

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

Whereas; high-quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's futures;

I, Phil AD Stuebs, do hereby proclaim April 13-19, 1997 to be The Week of the Young Child in Berthoud, Colorado, and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our community.



April 8, 1997

Mayor Richard Strachan  
Town Of Berthoud  
P.O. Box 626  
Berthoud, Colorado 80513

Dear Mayor Strachan,

I am writing on behalf of the Berthoud Week of the Young Child committee. A local group of individuals from Little "t" Preschool, Fifth Street College, Headstart and home-based child care businesses, we are all involved in the education and care of young children in the Berthoud community.

The Week of the Young Child theme, "Early Years Are Learning Years...Make Them Count", recognizes the fact that the early childhood years (birth through eight years) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. By setting aside this week in celebration of young children, we hope to focus the town's attention on how well children's experiences in Berthoud are preparing them to become the effective citizens, capable workers, and loving parents of the next generation. We would like to invite parents and other community members to work with us in developing strategies to improve the quality of life for Berthoud's youngest citizens.

Please accept this letter as a request that you proclaim April 13-19, 1997 as **The Week of the Young Child** in Berthoud. Enclosed you will find a sample proclamation.

Thank you for your support, time, and interest on behalf of Berthoud's children.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Matern  
WOYC Committee Member  
G.T. and Mary Matern's mother