

Senate Resolution 1017

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 44th, Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th and others

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 11-17, 2026, as the Week of the Young Child; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the early years of a child's life represent a critical period of rapid brain  
3 development that lays the foundation for lifelong learning, health, and success; and

4 WHEREAS, the Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration recognizing the  
5 importance of early learning, young children, their families, and the educators who support  
6 their growth and development; and

7 WHEREAS, young children learn best through hands-on experiences, positive relationships,  
8 and supportive environments that nurture their cognitive, social-emotional, physical,  
9 language, and literacy development; and

10 WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood programs provide essential support to working  
11 families while strengthening communities and contributing to the economic vitality of the  
12 State of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, early childhood educators play a vital role in providing nurturing care and  
14 meaningful learning experiences that prepare children for success in school and in life; and

15 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Georgia to recognize and support the  
16 importance of high-quality early childhood education and the professionals who provide  
17 these critical services.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 recognize April 11-17, 2026, as the Week of the Young Child and commend the educators,  
20 families, and organizations across Georgia who work to ensure that all young children have  
21 access to high-quality early learning opportunities.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage citizens,  
23 communities, and policymakers throughout the State of Georgia to recognize the importance  
24 of early childhood education and to support efforts that strengthen programs and services that  
25 benefit young children and their families.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
28 press.