**Resolution in Support of Early Childhood Education**

WHEREAS, children’s experience in their earliest years have a large effect on their entire lives; and

WHEREAS, early childhood education can particularly help children who are born with risk factors, whether economic, psychological, or physical; and

WHEREAS, children who have access to high quality early childhood education programs are better prepared for kindergarten and for success in school; and

WHEREAS, school readiness has economic and social benefits not only for the children who attend these programs but for all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, children who are kindergarten ready are more likely to make the most of their educational experience; and

WHEREAS, a successful kindergarten experience is the start to a successful completion of high school and preparation for a successful career.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council/Town Council/County Board of Supervisors of (Locality) recognizes the importance of early childhood education to children’s future success in school and in life; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council/Town Council/County Board of (Locality) commends the teachers, volunteers, parents, community leaders and students involved in early childhood education for their contributions.

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Mayor (Chair)

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Date

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