

**No. R-172. House concurrent resolution designating the legislative week of March 8–11, 2022 as Early Childhood Week at the General Assembly.**

(H.C.R.108)

Offered by: Representative Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, today’s young children are tomorrow’s voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and a strong start helps ensure both a child’s and Vermont’s future prosperity, and

Whereas, nurturing and individualized interactions with adults at home and in the community are important, and the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and

Whereas, research has shown that investments in early childhood can result in better lifetime outcomes for children, yielding strong returns on this investment, and

Whereas, all Vermonters want their young children to grow into healthy adults, engaged community members, and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, on March 9, 2022, Vermonters concerned about our State’s youngest residents will meet with their State legislators on issues relating to the well-being and development of young children, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the legislative week of March 8–11, 2022 as Early Childhood Week at the General Assembly, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance, Let’s Grow Kids, and Building Bright Futures, who are jointly sponsoring the 2022 Early Childhood Week at the General Assembly.