

proclamation

Children's Week | January 21 through 26, 2018

WHEREAS, the 23rd Annual Children's Week, "One Voice for the Children," will take place in Tallahassee, Florida, from Sunday, January 21, through Friday, January 26, 2018, bringing thousands of parents, children, professionals, community leaders, and concerned citizens together to share valuable knowledge, information, and children's issues; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Children's Week is to engage a long-term process to develop and implement strategies for moving the shared vision of children's needs forward by encouraging Children's Week activities to be held in all Florida's counties, as a way to strengthen and enrich our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County is one of 31 early learning coalitions in the state of Florida that is legislatively mandated to manage and oversee state and federally funded early care and education programs; and

WHEREAS, early learning coalitions provide children with access to developmentally appropriate learning opportunities through childcare settings that impart much needed readiness skills, equipping them with the tools and skills that will ensure they enter grade school ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, the Winter Park Public Library, Orange County Public Library, Children's Safety Village, Orange County Coalition for a Drug Free Community, City of Orlando, Healthy Start Coalition, Department of Children and Families, Orange County Public Schools, and many other agencies and childcare providers join the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County in providing family-friendly activities and events that embrace the importance of Children's Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **January 21 through January 26, 2018**, to be **Children's Week** in the City of Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 19th day of January 2018.

Steve Leary
Mayor