



**WHEREAS,** *The first years of a child’s life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning; and high-quality early care and education helps prepare children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and live healthier lives; and*

**WHEREAS,** *High-quality early childhood education depends on skilled, educated, caring, consistent, and well-compensated early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by their families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Findings from the United Way for Greater Austin’s 2025 Early Care and Education Landscape survey state that 26% of Travis County providers reported being understaffed; and 64% of child care applicants lacked basic job requirements; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Raising Travis County investments were intended to help grow and strengthen the local child care ecosystem in order to serve more children from families living in low-income; and the child care system is dependent on a well-trained workforce; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Travis County Commissioners Court is committed to building a coordinated, community-informed system that supports children and the providers who serve them so children can thrive and parents can pursue work, education, and job training opportunities;*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** *that we, the Travis County Commissioners Court, do hereby recognize 28th of April as*

### ***Early Childhood Educators Day***

*in Travis County.*

*In witness whereof, we have hereunto*

*set our hands and caused the seal of Travis County*

*to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

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**Andy Brown**  
County Judge

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**Jeffrey W. Travillion, Sr**  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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**Brigid Shea**  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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*Ann Howard*

*Commissioner, Precinct 3*

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*Margaret Gomez*

*Commissioner, Precinct 4*