

**tiny-k Anniversary Proclamation**  
**Sponsored by Rep. Monica Murnan and Sen. Dinah Sykes**

WHEREAS, this proclamation recognizes the 30th Anniversary of the passage of Public Law 99-457 which established early intervention services for children, birth to age 3, and their families; and

WHEREAS, early childhood intervention programs provide services to infants and toddlers who have a developmental delay or disability; and

WHEREAS, the period between birth and three years is a critical time in a child's development and offers a unique opportunity to change the life-course of a child with an identified developmental delay; and

WHEREAS, the earlier a child with a developmental delay or disability receives services and support, the greater the beneficial effects of those services and support, which in many cases can reduce the severity of a disability or completely eliminate a developmental delay; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for families engaged in early intervention services is improved; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, more than 10,000 children between birth and three years of age received early intervention services in Kansas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas Legislature recognizes the Kansas tiny-k programs and individuals who provide early intervention and individualized family support and services for young children with exceptional needs.

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