

# Lewis-Clark State College

## President's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the Lewis-Clark State College Early Childhood Program, along with Lewis-Clark State College KinderCollege, in conjunction with the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), are celebrating the Week of the Young Child™, April 13-17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** these organizations are working to promote and inspire high-quality early childhood experiences for our state's youngest citizens, that can provide a foundation of learning and success for children in our region; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lewis-Clark State College Early Childhood Program, along with the Lewis-Clark State College KinderCollege operate in a childcare desert, defined by the Center for American Progress as an area with insufficient supply of licensed childcare impacting a child's ability to attend a high-quality early childhood program; and

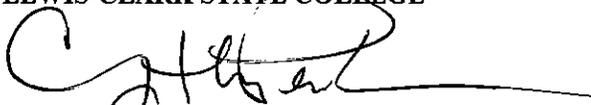
**WHEREAS,** teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, who make a difference in the lives of young children in our region deserve thanks and recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** Lewis-Clark State College strives to provide students parents high-quality and affordable early childhood care to support their educational attainment through degree completion; and

**WHEREAS,** Lewis-Clark State College, originally founded as a Normal School in 1893, was and continues to be committed to the development of educators serving our rural communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President of Lewis-Clark State College proclaim April 13-17, 2026, as the**

**"WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD™  
AT LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE"**



Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President  
Lewis-Clark State College