## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



**WHEREAS,** North Texas' children are among our most valuable, precious, and vulnerable residents, and they require proper care and attention as soon as they are born and throughout their formative years; and

**WHEREAS,** In Dallas County alone, over 100,000 children have a developmental delay or disability, and it is crucial that these children receive immediate intervention treatment upon diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS,** The period between birth to five years is a time of rapid development. The earliest possible intervention is critical due to the accelerated brain development during these first years of life. Early intervention programs have been shown to yield benefits in academic achievement, behavior, educational progression and attainment, and labor market success; and

WHEREAS, The Warren Center provides early intervention services to more than 1,000 children with developmental delays and disabilities throughout the DFW metroplex. Partnerships among state agencies, physicians, other private care providers, and families with children with disabilities help ensure that services that enhance development and promote the health and well-being of Texas' children and families are continued; and

**WHEREAS,** It is important that Texans know about the early intervention services available for young children with developmental delays and disabilities so families may utilize every opportunity to provide for the health and well-being of their children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC JOHNSON,** Mayor of the City of Dallas, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2021 as

## **EARLY INTERVENTION DAY**

in Dallas, Texas.

Mayor, The City of Dallas