



Council Meeting Staff Report

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Title

Proclamation Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the First Born Program® of Los Alamos (Accepted by Executive Director Ellen Specter and Board President Karen Holmes)

Body

WHEREAS, the First Born Program® of Los Alamos (FBPLA) has dedicated a decade to nurturing the youngest members of our community and their families by providing vital support and educational services; and

WHEREAS, FBPLA offers crucial home visitation services to *all* families in Los Alamos County, available from pregnancy through the child’s first five years, fostering early childhood development and family well-being; and

WHEREAS, research shows that 90% of brain development occurs in the first five years of life, with the quality of care and interaction during this period having a profound impact on lifelong learning and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, FBPLA’s services include lactation counseling, infant massage, CPR training, holistic sleep coaching, car seat safety technicians, baby wearing, drop-in sessions, and supporting family connections which address essential needs that contribute to healthy growth and development of happy, healthy babies in nurturing family environments; and

WHEREAS, FBPLA, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is commendably funded through the state's Early Childhood Education and Care Department along with other grants, foundations, and significant personal donations recognizing the impact of the program and ensuring the continuation of these invaluable services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Alamos, recognizes the First Born Program® has not only supported the immediate needs of parents and young children but has also significantly contributed to the long-term health and success of the broader community;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024, as

"First Born Program® of Los Alamos Month"

in recognition of its 10th anniversary.

Accordingly, I encourage all citizens to appreciate and honor the substantial contributions of the First Born Program® of Los Alamos to our community, and to continue supporting its mission of fostering

the health and development of our children and the future of our community.

We also encourage the community to join the First Born Program® of Los Alamos in celebrating its 10th anniversary on June 11, 2024.