



## A PROCLAMATION

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All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for success in school and in life. Nurturing parenting, high quality and accessible childcare, and early education programs build strong brains during a child's infancy. Research continues to reinforce that preparing babies and young children to succeed in school and life has profound impacts on building a strong and vibrant economy.

First Things First, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child. These organizations are working to improve equitable early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for Phoenix's youth.

Teachers, early childhood professionals, and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Phoenix deserve thanks and recognition. Public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the future of Phoenix's young children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE GALLEGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, in accordance with the law, do hereby proclaim April 13 through April 17, 2020 as

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the City of Phoenix, and encourage all our city's citizens to work and invest in early childhood education in our community.