



Office of State Superintendent Kathy Hoffman

Proclamation

Presented by Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman

Recognizing April 13-17, 2020 as

Week of the Young Child in Arizona Schools

- WHEREAS, All children have the right to equitable learning opportunities that help them achieve their full potential as engaged learners and valued members of society; and
- WHEREAS, All of Arizona's families deserve high-quality, accessible childcare and early education programs; and
- WHEREAS, Teachers, the early childhood workforce, and others who make a difference in the lives of young children around Arizona deserve a worthy wage for building the brains of our youngest learners; and
- WHEREAS, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Arizona Department of Education, and other state and community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child; and
- WHEREAS, These organizations advance equity in early childhood by embracing diversity and full inclusion as strengths, upholding fundamental principles of fairness and justice, and working to eliminate structural inequities that limit equitable learning opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, State leaders and community partners must invest comprehensively in Arizona's early childhood system to ensure all children and families have equitable opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.

Be it proclaimed, by Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman that the week of April 13-17, 2020 be declared "Week of the Young Child" throughout Arizona Schools.

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