

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, all young children deserve quality early learning environments that support them as

capable and competent lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS. nurturing, parenting, quality and accessible childcare, and early education programs

build strong brains during the critical years from birth to age 5; and

WHEREAS, investments in babies and young children has profound impacts on creating a strong

and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, 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 50th anniversary of the Week of the

Young Child; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve equitable early learning opportunities,

including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children

in the City of Chandler; and

WHEREAS, early childhood educators and others who make a difference in the lives of young

children deserve thanks and recognition; and public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the future of Arizona's young children, families, and

communities.

Now, therefore, I, Kevin Hartke, Mayor of the City of Chandler, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the week of

April 10-16, 2021 as:

## Week of the Young Child

in Chandler and encourage everyone to actively and appropriately participate in observance of the occasion.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Chandler, Arizona, to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



Mayor

Attest.

City Clerk