

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# 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 Flagstaff, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, early childhood educators and others who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, 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, PAUL J. DEASY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, do hereby proclaim April 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as the **Week of the Young Child** in Flagstaff, Arizona and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK