



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, *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 Mesa; and*

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

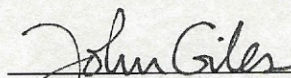
WHEREAS, *public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the future of Arizona's young children, families and communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN GILES, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Mesa, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2021 as the:


WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mesa, Arizona, to be affixed this 4th day of March 2021.


John Giles, Mayor

Attest:


Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk

