## STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all young children deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for success in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, nurturing parenting and early education programs build strong brains during the critical early years from birth to 5; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, 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; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve equitable early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs and preventive health care that can provide a strong start for children across the Grand Canyon State; and WHEREAS, teachers, early childhood professionals, and others who make a difference

WHEREAS, teachers, early childhood professionals, and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Arizona deserve thanks and recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 12-16, 2021 as

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

and encourage all citizens to work together to make good investments in early childhood education in our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE