

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN ARIZONA

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, Southern 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 across Arizona; and

Whereas, Early childhood educators and others who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve thanks, recognition, and worthy wages; and

Whereas, Public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to Arizona's young children, families, communities, and infrastructure.

Whereas, We, Representatives Lieberman, Sierra, Pawlik, Udall, and Osborne, invite the House of Representatives to join us in proclaiming April 10-16, 2021 as the Week of the Young Child in Arizona and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.

Dated this 5th day of April 2021

Representative Lorenzo Sierra

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Representative Joanne Osborne Legislative District 13

Representative Aaron Lieberman Legislative District 28

Representative Jennifer Pawlik

Legislative District 17

Representative Michelle Udall Legislative District 25