

*Office of the Mayor*



*Proclamation*

**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD  
APRIL 2-8, 2022**

**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 five; and

**WHEREAS**, investments in children, families, and schools has profound impacts on creating strong and vibrant communities; and

**WHEREAS**, First Things First, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Read On Goodyear, Read On Southwest Valley, and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and

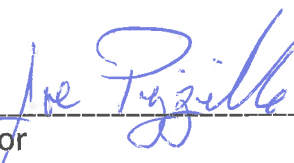
**WHEREAS**, these organizations are working to improve equitable early learning opportunities that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Goodyear; and

**WHEREAS**, early childhood educators and child care providers who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve to be well-supported and well-compensated for their important work; and


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

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Joe Pizzillo, do hereby proclaim April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as the Week of the Young Child In Goodyear, Arizona and encourage all citizens to support investments in early childhood education in our community.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the city of Goodyear, Arizona on this twenty-second day of March, two thousand twenty-two, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Goodyear to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

