WHEREAS, all young children deserve quality early learning environments that support them as capable and competent lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, Quality and accessible 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, Faith North Early Childhood Learning Center, and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the 51st 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 the Phoenix Elementary School District #1; and

WHEREAS, Early childhood educators and others who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve thanks, recognition, and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Governing Board of Phoenix Elementary District 1 do hereby proclaim April 2-8, 2022 as the Week of the Young Child in the Phoenix Elementary School District #1 and encourage all community members to support and invest in early childhood education.

Adopted by the Governing Board at a public meeting held on March 10, 2022.