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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 51st 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 2-8, 2022 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 1st day of March 2022.


John Giles, Mayor

Attest:


Holly Moseley, City Clerk

