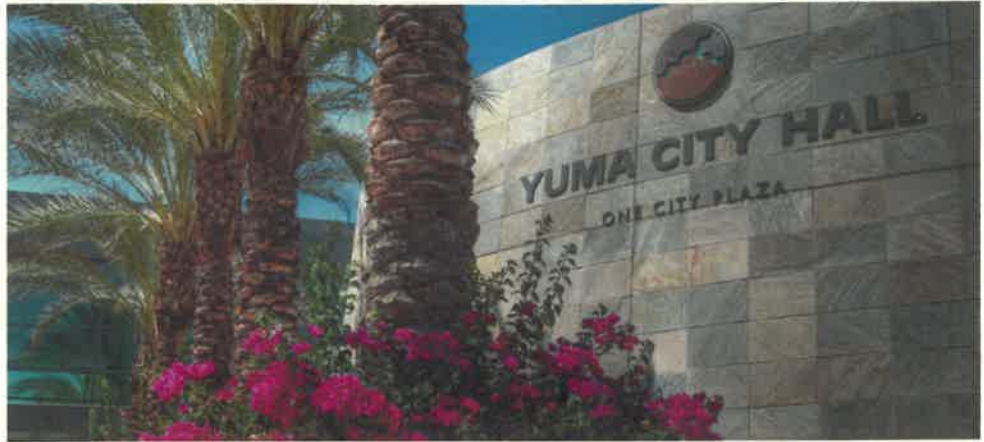


Douglas J. Nicholls
MAYOR

CITY OF
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PROCLAMATION


“WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”

March 26 – April 1, 2023

- 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 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 Yuma County, *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, Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor of the City of Yuma, Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 26 – April 1, 2023 as the **Week of the Young Child** in Yuma County, Arizona and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City of Yuma, Arizona, this 9th day of March 2023.*


Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor
City of Yuma

