

2023 WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD ARIZONA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Nurturing parenting, quality accessible childcare, and early childhood programs build strong brains during the critical years from birth to age 5; and

Whereas, investments in babies and young children help parents work or go to school thus creating a strong, thriving communities; 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 are celebrating the 52nd anniversary of Week of the Young Child; and

Whereas, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities that provide a strong start for Arizona's children; and

Whereas, the child care workforce, early childhood educators, and others who care for and teach young children deserve to be recognized and supported for their essential work; and

Whereas, public policies that support quality early learning for all young children benefit Arizona's families, businesses, communities, and economy.

Therefore, we, Representative Terech, Representative Pawlik, Representative Schwiebert, and Representative Gutierrez, invite the members of the Arizona House of Representatives to join us in proclaiming this the Week of the Young Child in the State of Arizona and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.

Dated this 4th day of April 2023

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Representative Laura Terech, LD 4

Representative Jennifer Pawlik, LD 13

Representative Judy Schwiebert, LD 2

Representative Nancy Gutierrez, LD 18