Arizona State Senate







Legislative Proclamation 2023 Week of the Young Child

WHEREAS, all young children benefit from quality early learning experiences that support their lifelong learning skills; and

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

WHEREAS, investments in babies and young children help parents work or go to school thus creating strong families, thriving businesses and 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 childcare workforce and early childhood educators need to be recognized and supported for their essential work; and

WHEREAS, policies that support quality early learning for all young children ensure the success of Arizona's families, communities, and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Senator Marsh, and Senator Bennett do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2023, as 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 day 3rd of April 2023

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