

TOWN OF SAHUARITA
PROCLAMATION



Whereas, the first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning; and

Whereas, participation in high-quality early childhood education saves taxpayer dollars, makes working families more economically secure, and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and live healthier lives; and

Whereas, high-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation; and

Whereas, young children need skilled, educated, competent, consistent, and compensated early childhood educators; and

Whereas, working families need robust subsidies, scholarships, and tax credits for families at all income levels that support the true cost of quality early childhood education; and

Whereas, early childhood educators need the ability to earn a family-sustaining wage that is commensurate with the required education and skills they bring to the complex and valuable work they do; 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 (NAEYC), are celebrating the 52nd anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and

Whereas, these organizations are working to improve equitable early learning opportunities that provide a strong start for children in the Town of Sahuarita.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Murphy, Mayor of the Town of Sahuarita, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2023, as the

Week of the Young Child

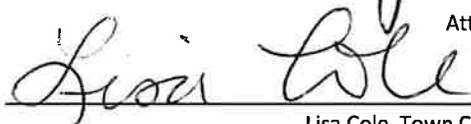
In Sahuarita, Arizona and urge all members of our community to support efforts that increase children and families' access to high-quality early childhood education.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of Sahuarita on this 22nd day of March 2023.





Tom Murphy, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa Cole, Town Clerk