

Proclamation
Recognizing April 6-12, 2024 as
Week of the Young Child at Northern Arizona University College of Education

- WHEREAS, All young children in our community deserve quality early learning experiences; and
- WHEREAS, Teachers, early childhood professionals, and child care providers who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve recognition and support; and
- WHEREAS, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, First Things First, Northern Arizona University, and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and
- WHEREAS the College of Education believes that preparing compassionate and competent professionals who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to make positive differences for children, students, and adults in education, behavioral health service settings, and communities who are committed to building empathetic, inclusive, and just environments are essential; and
- WHEREAS, Public policies that support equitable early learning for all young children are essential for Arizona's children, families, and communities to thrive.

I, Dr. Ramona Mellott, proclaim that the week of April 6-12, 2024 be declared "***Week of the Young Child***" at NAU College of Education. I encourage all students, faculty, and community partners to work to celebrate young children, families, and the early childhood professionals who support them.

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