

## **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, All of Arizona's children deserve access to quality early care and education (ECE) environments; and*

*WHEREAS, Quality child care programs build children's lifelong learning skills during the critical years from birth to age five; and*

*WHEREAS, ECE teachers and child care providers are the essential workforce that helps Arizona parents get to work or school; and*

*WHEREAS, Funding quality child care is a smart investment that improves family well-being, strengthens communities, and grows our state's prosperity; and*

*WHEREAS, First Things First, 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 53rd anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and*

*WHEREAS, These organizations are working to improve equitable early childhood opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Benson; and*


*WHEREAS, Public policies that support ECE for Arizona's youngest learners help our families, communities, and the economy thrive.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe A. Konrad, Mayor of the City of Benson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2024 as the*

### ***Week of the Young Child***

*in Benson, Arizona and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early care and education in our community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Benson, Arizona on this 25th day of March 2024.*

  
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JOE A. KONRAD, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk