



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 Mesa; and*
- WHEREAS, *public policies that support ECE for Arizona’s youngest learners help our families, communities, and the economy thrive.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN GILES, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of Mesa, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2024 as:

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mesa, Arizona to be affixed this 29th day of February 2024.

John Giles

 John Giles, Mayor

Attest:

Holly Moseley

 Holly Moseley, City Clerk

