

# CITY OF PHOENIX



## PROCLAMATION

The Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, First Things First, and other community organizations partner in providing education, learning opportunities, and services which enrich today's youth.

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and is the world's largest early childhood education association. Nurturing parenting and quality, accessible childcare programs are essential to children's development during the critical years from birth to age five. The City of Phoenix is proud to celebrate the NAEYC and all the work they have done for our youth.

This year we celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the Week of the Young Child. It is a time to increase awareness for the demand in services for young children and their families necessary year-round, and to recognize the importance of early childhood programs, education, learning, nurturing and more. This is a time to thank educators who make a difference in young children's lives every day.

NOW, THEREFORE I, KATE GALLEGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona in accordance with the law, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2024, as

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the City of Phoenix and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early care and education in our community.



Mayor Kate Gallego  
City of Phoenix