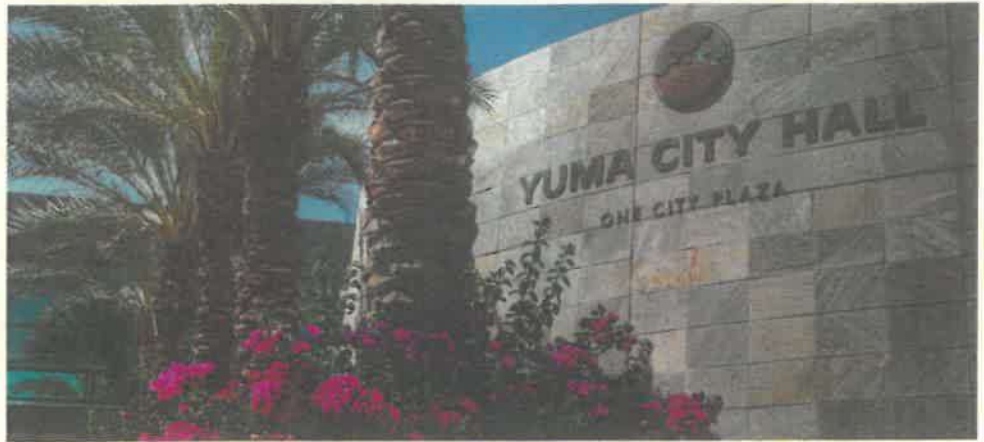


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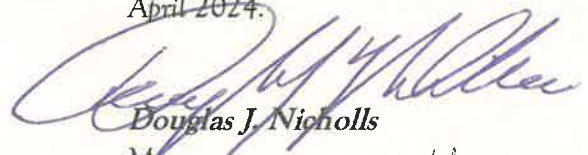
## **PROCLAMATION**

**“WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”**

**April 7 - 13, 2024**

- WHEREAS:** All of Arizona’s children deserve quality early care and education environments that build their skills as lifelong learners; and
- WHEREAS:** Nurturing parenting, quality and accessible childcare, and early education programs are essential to children’s development during the critical years from birth to age 5; and
- WHEREAS:** Investments in babies and young children have profound impacts on creating a strong and vibrant community; and
- WHEREAS:** Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, First Things First, 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 learning and early literacy opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Yuma; and
- WHEREAS:** Public policies that support early care and education for Arizona’s youngest learners help our families, communities and economy thrive.
- NOW THEREFORE,** I, **Douglas J. Nicholls**, Mayor of the City of Yuma, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 7 - 13, 2024 as the **Week of the Young Child** in Yuma, Arizona and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City of Yuma, Arizona, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.*

  
**Douglas J. Nicholls**  
Mayor  
City of Yuma

