

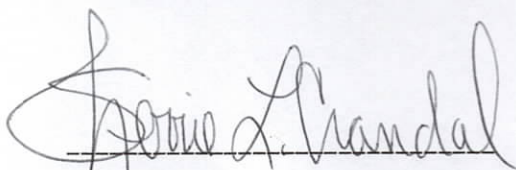


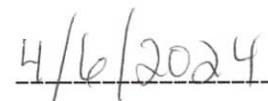
Proclamation

Recognizing April 6-12, 2024, as Week of the Young Child Arizona Division for Early Childhood

- WHEREAS, All of Arizona's children deserve quality, inclusive early care and education environments that build their skills as lifelong learners; and
- WHEREAS, Early childhood inclusion embodies the values, policies, and practices that support the right of every young child, across varying abilities, to participate in a broad range of activities and contexts as full members of families, communities, and society; and
- WHEREAS, Supporting inclusive early learning is a smart investment that improves child well-being, strengthens communities, and creates a sense of belonging; and
- WHEREAS, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Arizona Division for Early Childhood, 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 opportunities that provide a strong start for children with and without disabilities across the state; and
- WHEREAS, Public policies must advance inclusive early care and education for Arizona's youngest learners

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sherrie Crandal, AZ DEC Board President, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2024, as the Week of the Young Child in Arizona and encourage all members and community champions to support and invest in inclusive early care and education in our community.


Sherrie Crandal, Board President


Date