

Proclamation

THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

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

WHEREAS, every Arizona child deserves access to quality Early Care and Education (ECE) environments; and

WHEREAS, ECE teachers and child care providers are the essential workforce that helps Arizona parents get to work or school and public policies supporting ECE aides families, communities, and the economy thrive; 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 Gilbert; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Brigette Peterson, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2024 as:

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in Gilbert, Arizona and encourage our community to support and invest in early care and education in our community.



In witness thereof, I hereby set my hand and affix the Official Seal of the Office of the Town of Gilbert, Arizona, this 16th day of April, 2024.



Brigette Peterson, Mayor