

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Arizona's children deserve quality early care and education environments that build their skills as lifelong learners; and
WHEREAS, Nurturing parenting and quality child care and early learning programs are essential to children's development during the critical years from birth to age five; and
WHEREAS, Access to reliable, quality child care and early learning opportunities makes it possible for more Arizonans to be able to work and pursue higher education; and
WHEREAS, Access to quality child care and early learning contributes to strong families and businesses, a thriving state economy, and vibrant communities; and
WHEREAS, First Things First, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Southern 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 learning opportunities that provide a strong start for children birth to age five across the Grand Canyon State; and
WHEREAS, the child care workforce, early childhood educators, and others who care for and teach young children deserve to be recognized and supported for their essential work.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6- 12, 2024 as

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

