

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 5 through April 11, 2025

WHEREAS, all of Arizona's children deserve access to quality Early Care and Education (ECE) environments; and

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

WHEREAS, ECE teachers and child care providers are the essential workforce that helps Arizona parents get to work or school; and

WHEREAS, funding quality child care is a smart investment that improves family well-being, strengthens communities, and grows our state's prosperity; 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 54th 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 Goodyear; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support ECE for Arizona's youngest learners help our families, communities, and the economy thrive.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Joe Pizzillo, do hereby proclaim April fifth through April eleventh, as the **Week of the Young Child** in Goodyear, Arizona and encourage all citizens to invest in early care and education in our community.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the city of Goodyear, Arizona on this twenty-fourth day of March, two thousand twenty-five, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Goodyear to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

