OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS

Proclamation

WHEREAS, all of Arizona's children deserve access to quality early care and education environments; and

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

WHEREAS, early care and education teachers and child care providers are workforce behind Arizona's workforce that enables parents to work or pursue postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, quality early care and education 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 early childhood opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor the State of Arizona , do hereby proclaim April 5 -11, 2025, 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 twentieth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth. ATTEST:

SECRETARY