


Proclamation Template – Institute of Higher Education
Recognizing April 5-11, 2025 as Week of the Young Child

- WHEREAS, All young children in our community deserve quality early learning experiences; and
- WHEREAS, Teachers, early childhood professionals, and child care providers who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve recognition and support; and
- WHEREAS, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, First Things First, Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, the NAU College of Education, and community partners, 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 the NAU College of Education's mission is to support early childhood degree programs and
- WHEREAS, the NAU Early Childhood Education & Early Childhood Special Education, Bachelor of Science in Education is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children; and
- WHEREAS, public policies that support equitable early learning for all young children are essential for Arizona's children, families, and communities to thrive.

I, Ramona Mellott, Dean of the College of Education, proclaim that the week of April 5-11, 2025 be declared "Week of the Young Child" at the NAU College of Education. I encourage all students, faculty, and community partners to work to celebrate young children, families, and the early childhood professionals who support them.



Ramona Mellott
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