

# Proclamation



## The Week of the Young Child

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

**WHEREAS**, access to quality, nurturing childcare programs sets a positive foundation for a child's lifelong development during their critical years from birth to age eight; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who help ensure children have early experiences needed for a strong foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting quality early learning and children's health programs is a wise investment that improves a family's 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 Yavapai County; and

**WHEREAS**, the childcare workforce, early childhood educators, and others who care for and teach young children deserve to be recognized and supported for their essential work; and

**WHEREAS**, public policies that support affordable, accessible, quality childcare for all young children benefit our families, communities, and the state's economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the week of April 5-11, 2025, as The Week of the Young Child throughout Yavapai County and encourages all citizens to support and invest in early childhood education in our community.

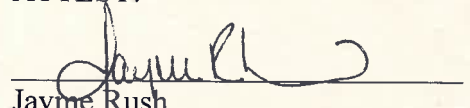
**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the Chair of the Board, on behalf of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, sets her hand and causes the seal of the County of Yavapai, Arizona, to be affixed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.



  
Mary Mallory, Chair

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
Jayme Rush

Yavapai County, Clerk of the Board