



# Proclamation

## Week of the Young Child

April 11-17, 2026

**WHEREAS**, all of Arizona's children deserve access to high-quality early care and education (ECE) environments; and

**WHEREAS**, quality child care programs help 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 an essential workforce that enables Arizona parents to participate in the workforce and pursue educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in quality child care improves family well-being, strengthens communities, and contributes to Arizona's long-term economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, First Things First, the Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, the 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 55th anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations work to expand equitable early childhood opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Tolleson, Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, public policies that support early care and education for Arizona's youngest learners help families, communities, and the economy thrive.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 11–17, 2026 as the Week of the Young Child in Tolleson, Arizona, and encourage all residents to support and invest in early care and education in our community.



*Juan F. Rodriguez*

Juan F. Rodriguez (Mar 19, 2026 10:52 PDT)

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: *Crystal Zamora*

Crystal Zamora (Mar 19, 2026 09:20:10 PDT)

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk