



## PROCLAMATION

### Week of the Young Child™ April 11 – 17, 2026

**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 55th 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 the Town of Miami, Gila County, Arizona, and

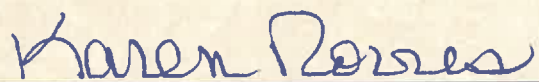
**Whereas**, public policies that support ECE for Arizona's youngest learners help our families, communities, and the economy thrive.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gil Madrid, Mayor of the Town of Miami, do hereby proclaim April 11 through April 17, 2026, as the Week of the Young Child™ in the Town of Miami, Arizona, and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early care and education in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Miami to be affixed to this 23rd day of March, 2026.

  
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Gil Madrid, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

