

PROCLAMATION



CITY OF TUCSON ♦ OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning.

WHEREAS, Participation in high-quality early childhood education saves taxpayer dollars, makes working families more economically secure, and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and live healthier lives.

WHEREAS, High-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation.

WHEREAS, working families need robust subsidies, scholarships, and tax credits for families at all income levels that support the true cost of quality early childhood education; 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 53rd anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve equitable early learning opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Tucson.

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

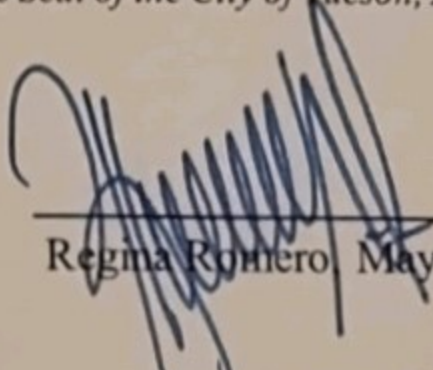
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Regina Romero, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2024 as

Early Childhood Education Awareness Week

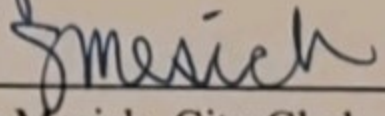
in Tucson, Arizona and urge all members of our community to support and invest in early care and education in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2024




Regina Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:


Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk