

Board of Supervisors

Pima County, Arizona



PROCLAMATION

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; and

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; and

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

WHEREAS, young children need skilled, educated, competent, consistent and well-compensated early childhood educators; and

WHEREAS, society benefits when working families have access to robust subsidies, scholarships and tax credits that support the true costs of quality early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, early childhood educators need the ability to earn a family-sustaining wage that is commensurate with the required education and skills they bring to the complex and valuable work they do; 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 52nd 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 Pima County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of April 1 through April 7, 2023, to be:

“THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN PIMA COUNTY”

and urges all members of our community to support efforts that increase access for children and families to high-quality early childhood education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2023.

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Adelita S. Grijalva".

The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors