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## Proclamation

Recognizing April 6-12, 2024 as Week of the Young Child at University of Arizona College of Education

- WHEREAS, All young children in our community deserve quality early learning experiences; and
- WHEREAS, Teachers, early childhood professionals, and child care providers who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve recognition and support; and
- WHEREAS, Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, First Things First, University of Arizona College of Education, and community partners, 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 University of Arizona College of Education's mission is to cultivate a collaborative learning environment that places paramount importance on engaging with families and communities, teach with a socially just pedagogy, and support young children in feeling like valued and important parts of their education; and
- WHEREAS, Public policies that support equitable early learning for all young children are essential for Arizona's children, families, and communities to thrive.

I, Dean Robert Berry, proclaim that the week of April 6-12, 2024 be declared "Week of the Young Child" at the University of Arizona's College of Education. I encourage all students, faculty, and community partners to work to celebrate young children, families, and the early childhood professionals who support them.

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