



**BY THE PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCLAMATION
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
APRIL 6 - APRIL 12, 2024**

WHEREAS, All of Arizona’s children deserve access to quality early care and education (ECE) environments; and

WHEREAS, Quality childcare 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, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, First Things First, 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 childhood opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Pinal County; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2024, as the “**Week of the Young Child**” in Pinal County, Arizona and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early care and education in our community. Proclaimed this 3rd day of April, 2024.

Mike Goodman, Chairman, District 2

Jeffrey McClure, Vice-Chairman, District 4

Kevin Cavanaugh, District 1

ATTEST:

Stephen Q. Miller, District 3

Natasha Kennedy, Clerk of the Board

Jeff Serdy, District 5