

# Proclamation

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD APRIL 6-12, 2024

- 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. Funding quality childcare is a smart investment that improves family well-being, strengthens communities, and grows our state's prosperity; and
- WHEREAS,** ECE teachers and child care providers are the essential workforce that helps Arizona parents get to work or school. Public policies that support ECE for Arizona's youngest learners help our families, communities, and the economy thrive; 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 Apache Junction.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Walter "Chip" Wilson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2024, as

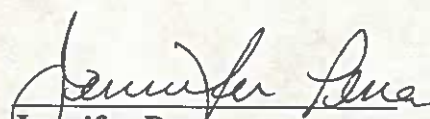
## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Signed and attested to this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024.

  
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Walter "Chip" Wilson  
Mayor



ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer Pena  
City Clerk