



PROCLAMATION
Recognizing the Week of the Young Child

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; 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, 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 childhood opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Marana; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Honea, Mayor of the Town of Marana, do hereby proclaim April 6 - 12, 2024, as the Week of the Young Child in Marana and encourage all citizens to support Early Care and Education in our community.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

David L. Udall, Town Clerk



Ed Honea, Mayor