



PROCLAMATION

Week of the Young Child

Whereas, all young children deserve quality early learning environments that support them as lifelong learners; and

Whereas, nurturing parenting and quality accessible childcare build strong brains during the critical years from birth to age five; and

Whereas, Valley of the Sun United Way, First Things First, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Read On Avondale, Read On Southwest Valley, and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the 54th anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and

Whereas, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities that provide a strong start for children in Avondale; and

Whereas, early childhood educators and childcare providers who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve to be well-supported and well-compensated for their important work; and

Whereas, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the success of Arizona's families, communities, and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mike Pineda, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 5 – 11 as Week of the Young Child, and encourage all citizens to support investments in early childhood education in our community.

Proclaimed this 7th day of April 2025.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk