

# Avondale

## PROCLAMATION

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

**Whereas**, children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional, and language and literacy development are built on a foundation of children's positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and

**Whereas**, high-quality early care and education helps build strong developmental foundations for young children during the years of greatest brain development, leading to positive outcomes for individual children; and

**Whereas**, high-quality early childhood education depends on well-prepared early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation; and

**Whereas**, young children need skilled, educated, caring, consistent, and compensated early childhood educators; and

**Whereas**, working families need a system that ensures their children are safe at all early care and education settings.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the Avondale City Council, the City of Avondale, Arizona, hereby proclaims April 11 – 17, 2026 as the Week of the Young Child, and does hereby recognize that the National Association for the Education of Young Children is celebrating 100 years of advocacy for children, families, and educators.

Proclaimed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.



Mayor



Attest:

City Clerk