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PROCLAMATION

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, 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 Cochise County; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Antenori, Chairman of the Cochise Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 5-11, 2025 as the Week of the Young Child in Cochise County, Arizona and encourage all citizens to support and invest in early care and education in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of April 5 through April 11, 2025, to be: “THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN COCHISE COUNTY” and urges all members of our community to support efforts that increase access for children and families to high-quality early childhood education.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2025.

Frank Antenori, Chairman

Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor